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Commuters caught in waiting game



Passengers board a BART train at the El Cerrito Plaza station Tuesday.

■ New BART schedule causes delays for riders changing trains

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A change in the transfer times at Oakland BART stations is giving headaches to some frequent riders who use the San Francisco-bound trains from Richmond.

The changes, which are creating more crowded trains and a few extra minutes' waiting time, are being implemented because of the BART extension to the San Francisco International airport. "We've gotten quite a number

of complaints about this, not only from El Cerrito but from the city of Berkeley as well," said Roy Nakadegawa, a member of the BART Board of Directors who represents Kensington and much of Berkeley. He added he was asking BART planners to see if changes could be made to address the complaints.

Timed transfers were instituted full-time in 1999 at the MacArthur and the 12th Street stations in Oakland while BART cars were being reconstructed. Since fewer cars were on the tracks, BART gave riders more choices to avoid crowded trains.

Riders wanting to go toward San Francisco from Richmond could take a Fremont-bound train

and then easily transfer at the Oakland stations with no wait. The first train to reach a transfer station waited until a second train arrived, allowing passengers on one line to immediately switch to another.

While there is still a transfer point at those Oakland stations, the first trains no longer wait, creating a few minutes' wait for riders.

"If you take that train down to MacArthur, you're probably going to wait six or seven minutes for the right train," said BART public affairs director Mike Healy. "Rather than doing that we're simply encouraging people to take direct trains (to San Francisco)."

The timed transfer change took effect in early September, when the Dublin/Pleasanton train began traveling to the Colma station.

Several people riding or waiting to ride from the El Cerrito stations to San Francisco one recent morning said they were annoyed by the changes.

"I liked it better before," said El Cerrito resident Shelley Anderson, who has been riding BART to work for eight years. "It made sense. I don't know why they stopped."

"The trains are more crowded, and they're smaller trains," said Lafayette resident Mark Lacin.

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Council hopefuls all business at forum

Candidates field questions on commerce, and rooms and the waterfront

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — The three candidates running for two seats on the Albany City Council answered a variety of questions on such issues as the waterfront, downtown business and city revenue on Sunday.

The forum, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, focused on how the candidates would best the business climate in Albany. About 10 people asked questions or gave comments to the candidates and a total of about 16 people attended the one-hour session.

Bob Good, a councilman from

1992 to 2000, is running for a third term; incumbent Allan Maris is completing his first term in office and running for a second; and newcomer Farid Javandel is running for his first term on the City Council.

The waterfront was a prominent issue at the forum.

The candidates were asked whether they would consider supporting a card room on the waterfront to bring money to the city. A card room proposal in 1994 was supported by the council but died in the courts.

Maris said the card room issue divided the city when it was first proposed and therefore he would like to find other ways to create city revenue.

Good and Javandel were also against the idea. Javandel said he wanted to find other ways to

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ALBANY CITY COUNCIL candidate Farid Javandel, standing, answers a question as moderator James Carter and candidates Bob Good and Allan Maris listen during Sunday's forum.

Merchants keep up fight against bus stop move

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Albany business owners are protesting a plan by AC Transit to move a bus stop at the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Alameda Avenue. They say the stop will hurt business.

"We really don't want a bus stop in front of the store," said Raj Singh, who has owned a Subway sandwich franchise at the corner of San Pablo and Alameda avenues since last November. "We're willing to fight to the end because we would lose out of business from that (the

lost parking) and we don't want that."

AC Transit wants to move the bus stop to accommodate a \$13 million effort to create a "rapid" bus service along San Pablo Avenue that would employ, among other things, buses with an electronic device that would allow bus drivers to control the traffic signals.

However, to make full use of the traffic signal control, the bus stops must be on the far side of the traffic signal. That's why AC

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FLOATING INTO THE PAST



TUE NAM TON/STAFF

ECHS Homecoming Parade goes retro

EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL held its Homecoming Parade last Friday, featuring the class of 2005 represented by a 1950s-themed float (above). The Class of 2004 opted for the 1970s and a disco theme. At the homecoming game that evening, the host Gauchos staged a late rally that fell short against visiting Alameda High in a 28-21 loss (see story in Sports, page C1).



Two wheels give police a leg up on traffic enforcement

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — For many, the motorcycle brand Harley Davidson is on its way to rebuilding its traffic enforcement division, which underwent budget and staff cuts in the 1990s.

For the El Cerrito Police Department, however, Harley Davidson means better traffic enforcement and fewer accidents.

With a new motorcycle bought from the manufacturer this year, the police department is on its way to rebuilding its traffic enforcement division, which underwent budget and staff cuts in the 1990s.

The shiny black-and-silver motorcycle is a first for the city and promises to provide better maneuverability when issuing

public citations and be a new public relations tool for the police department.

"This is something we've wanted to do in El Cerrito the last 20 years and we just didn't have the authorization to do it and we finally got it," said Police Chief Scott Kirkland. "It's an exciting new program for us."

David Hartung is currently the

city's only traffic enforcement officer and El Cerrito's first officer to ride a motorcycle on duty. He was a police officer from 1980 to 1986, worked in the private sector to be closer to his son, then had an urge to come back to police work. He was hired by the El Cerrito department a year ago.

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El Cerrito

Citywide garage sale this weekend

The 13th annual city-wide garage sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maps with addresses, "cross streets and items for sale will be available at the community center, at 7007 Moeser Lane and the Recycling Center, at 7501 Schmidt Lane, on the day of the sale. Note that the originally scheduled date of the sale - Oct. 26 - was changed to Oct. 19. For more information, call the Recycling Center at 510-215-4350.

Book fair helps scholarship

A book fair to benefit the David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the city's community center, 7007 Moeser Lane. There will be hundreds of new and used children's and adult books up to 70 percent off. For details, call the community center at 510-215-4370.

Albany

Senior center chess classes for everyone

Chess classes are being offered at the Albany Senior Center Wednesdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The cost is \$4 a session.

The classes are for everyone, from beginners wanting to learn how to play, to experienced players looking for new chess partners. The class is taught by Ed Hirsch. Boards will be provided though players should bring their own if they have one.

The Senior Center is located at 846 Masonic Ave. For more information, call 510-524-9122.

Have pasta with Friends of Seniors

A pasta dinner hosted by the Friends of Albany Seniors will be held Sunday, Oct. 20, from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 6 and under. For more information, call 510-524-9122.

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Foundation awards grants to teachers

The Albany Education Foundation grants committee has announced that 48 requests for grants will be fully or partially funded for a total of \$10,600.

Teachers at Ocean View, Marin, Cornell, the Albany Children's Center, Albany Middle School, Albany High School, and district programs will receive grants this school year. Grants will help send 94 classes on field trips to events such as symphony performances at Davies Hall, tours of the Rosticrucian Egyptian Museum in San Jose, visits to Slide Ranch, studies of animals at the Oakland Zoo, and performances at the Berkeley Rep.

Teachers in the Albany Unified School District received grant applications on Sept. 5 and the deadline was Oct. 4.

Contra Costa

Grants available for HIV awareness

Contra Costa Health Services invites local civic, social, school and church organizations and others to apply for grants to provide for HIV and AIDS awareness and prevention events.

A workshop for potential applicants will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Public Health Department, 597 Center Ave., Suite 200, Martinez.

The deadline to submit a grant application is Oct. 25.

The awards, up to \$1,400, may be used for refreshments, supplies and other costs related to conducting an event held to raise awareness and/or increase skills for HIV prevention.

The grants are part of the Public Health Services' "You Have the Power to Stop AIDS" campaign, encourage everyone to help prevent the spread of HIV.

The idea is to empower people to organize and develop events that are meaningful in the community. Sample ideas for events to raise HIV-AIDS awareness include couples' dinners, art exhibits, block parties and theater productions.

For more information or a grant application, call 925-313-6772.

El Cerrito man kills neighbor after break-in

By Karl Fischer
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A homeowner shot and killed his next-door neighbor Monday night after the man broke into the house and chased its occupants with a piece of two-by-four lumber, police said.

Police received an emergency call at 7:40 p.m. from homeowner Michael Lasevich, who said he was holding his bedroom door closed while neighbor Harry J. Litja tried to open it with fists, feet and the board, said El Cerrito Police Cmdr. Daniel Hurley.

"He fired the shot as he and his guests were fleeing the house," Hurley said. "In fact, he was not sure if he even hit Mr. Litja. It was more of a diversionary move."

A single shot from Lasevich's

handgun, which he retrieved from the bedroom as he made his escape, struck the 47-year-old Litja in the upper torso, police said. Litja died inside the house on the 500 block of Everett Street, capping a wild evening in a normally docile neighborhood.

Lasevich had arrived home earlier in the evening and discovered that someone had smashed several large windows near the front door. He and two friends were inside cleaning up the glass when police say Litja leapt through one of the broken windows and attacked them.

Police suspect Litja smashed the windows, Hurley said, adding that Litja was a neighborhood "eccentric" who had been visited before by officers.

Nobody else was injured. While detectives continue to investigate the incident, Hurley said El Cerrito's first homicide of 2002 appears to be a case of self-defense.

The broken windows were boarded Tuesday morning, and nobody answered the door at either house. But a longtime resident of the block remembered Litja as a good man whose personal problems may have driven him insane.

"Just the other day I remember thinking, 'Oh, I hope Harry doesn't think about doing anything rash,'" neighbor Betty Bickham said.

She recalled a rambling conversation Litja had with her husband on her front porch Sunday in which he expressed concern

about Lasevich's home

"He'd seen (Lasevich) in big computers into his home he moved in," Bickham said. "I thought the computers were electronic beams at me, messing up my mind."

In recent weeks, Lasevich's BART trains moving on tracks similarly influenced Bickham said. Litja slept on the roof of the two or three nights the shooting, neighbors said.

Litja's neighbors said he had grown more paranoid and irrational during the past year after a longtime girlfriend moved out of the house. He reportedly committed to drug use and saw him drink frequently. He owned guns, neighbors had never been violent but

ALBANY POLICE

There were several reports of eggs being thrown at houses and cars during the week.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

■ **BIKE THEFT** — On the afternoon a resident on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that during the night thieves had stolen his blue Trek 21-speed bike while it was locked up in his locked garage.

Wednesday, Oct. 9:

■ **AUTO BURGLARIES** — During the night thieves broke into a black '97 GMC Suburban parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street, and into a gray '90 Mazda and a white '84 Buick Skylark parked in the same area.

■ **PLATES CHANGED** — Officers towed a Ford van from the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway when a check found that the license plates belonged to an Isuzu.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — Thieves broke into a green '97 Pontiac Gran Prix that was parked in a lot on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue.

Thursday, Oct. 10

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A Berkeley man reported that during the night thieves had stolen his maroon '84 Lincoln Continental parked at 555 Pierce St.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A resident on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue reported that the previous day subjects had entered his unlocked red '88 Ford Mustang. He did not find that anything had been taken but he did find a driver's license and mail belonging to other people in his car.

Friday, Oct. 11

■ **AUTO VANDALIZED** — In the afternoon a resident at 555 Pierce Street reported that subjects had vandalized his brown '78 Plymouth while it was parked in the garage area.

■ **SUSPENDED LICENSE** — At about 5:45 p.m. officers stopped an '82 Honda on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue because it had no license plates. The driver, a 21-year-old Richmond man, was found to be driving with a suspended license and to have an outstanding Albany warrant and was arrested.

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Sunday, Sept. 1

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — A man was found to be possessing a stolen cell phone at 7:12 a.m. on San Pablo Avenue while police were arresting him on outstanding warrants.

Sunday, Sept. 15

■ **ASSAULT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of assault after a disturbance was reported at 5:25 a.m. on the 800 block of Liberty Street. A man in the area had been the victim of a minor assault by the suspect.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

■ **GUN, DRUGS** — Police found a man in possession of a stolen, loaded handgun and methamphetamine while serving two warrants for his arrest, at 9:20 a.m. The man was booked into the county jail on suspicion of felony possession of a firearm and a controlled substance.

Saturday, Sept. 21

■ **ATTEMPTED AUTO THEFT** — Two juveniles were arrested on suspicion of stealing a Toyota Camry at 9:38 p.m. near the 800 block of Everett Street. The two juveniles were reported attempting to break into a vehicle parked in the area.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine at 8:40 a.m. while walking on San Pablo Avenue near Moeser Lane.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A man was arrested at 7:45 a.m. on the 1300 block of Scott Street on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine.

Saturday, Sept. 28

■ **ASSAULT** — A man was arrested at 10 a.m. on suspicion of assaulting and injuring another person on the 6500 block of Stockton Avenue.

Sunday, Sept. 29

■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A man was arrested at 4:30 p.m. on suspicion of shoplifting from Target. The man allegedly entered the store with an empty bag then exited without paying for the items he took.

Thursday, Oct. 3

■ **GARAGE BREAK-IN** — A garage on the 2600 block of Monte Vista was ransacked sometime between 1:30 and 5 p.m. after the padlock to a rear door of the garage was cut.

■ **DRUG ARREST** — A man was arrested on the Ohlone Greenway near Fairmount Avenue after being found to be under the influence of a controlled substance and in possession of cocaine.

■ **AUTO THEFT** — A 1989 Toyota Supra was stolen shortly after 1:39 p.m. after a friend of the vehicle's owner took the car from the 1700 block of Arlington Boulevard. The friend was driving with an unknown female, who later stole the vehicle when the man wasn't looking.

Friday, Oct. 4

■ **GLOVE BOX RIFLED** — A glove box in a vehicle on the 3300 block of Yosemite Avenue was rifled through

and was arrested.

Saturday, Oct. 12

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — During the night, thieves broke into a white Honda Accord in a carport area on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A San Bruno man reported his '97 Honda Accord parked at 535 Pierce St. was burgled.

■ **PLANT STOLEN** — During the night unseen thieves stole a plant from a porch on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — A resident on the 900 block of Jackson Street reported that thieves had stolen his silver-and-tan bike from his garage.

Sunday, Oct. 13

■ **ARRESTS** — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a brown '83 Cadillac for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 33-year-old Vallejo man, was arrested for conspiracy, possession of a controlled substance, passing a bad check and for parole violations. One of the passengers, a 31-year-old

sometime between 6 a.m. on Sept. 28 and 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 4.

Saturday, Oct. 5

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A stereo speaker was taken from a 1998 Nissan Maxima on the 5600 block of San Diego Street sometime between Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 7 at 8 a.m. One of the windows was smashed.

■ **ASSAULT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of assault after an altercation between two people was reported to police on the 5800 block of Central Avenue at 9:25 p.m.

■ **CLUBS STOLEN** — Golf clubs worth \$1,000 were taken from a 1994 Ford Thunderbird on the 3300 block of Belmont Avenue between 9 p.m. on Oct. 5 and 9 a.m. on Oct. 6.

Sunday, Oct. 6

■ **THEFT** — A woman's purse was taken from her at 7:31 p.m. while she was walking on Fairmount at Lexington avenues. A man approached her from behind, took her purse then fled to a waiting vehicle.

■ **THEFT** — A woman's backpack was taken from her while she was making a deposit at Wells Fargo. The suspect had a sawed-off shotgun and demanded the woman's backpack. He then ran to a vehicle and drove south toward Albany.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

■ **POSSESSION OF STOLEN VEHICLE** — A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing a stolen vehicle while he was driving on San Pablo Avenue at 2:53 p.m. He was stopped by the man and arrested.

■ **THEFT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing a stolen stereo. The man was reported to be in the area and attempting to break into the doors of vehicles. Police arrested the man in possession of tools to conduct burglaries.

■ **THEFT** — A cardboard box containing clothing was taken from storage closet on the 500 block of Kearney Street sometime between a.m. Oct. 5 and 5:15 p.m. on Oct. 6.

■ **VEHICLE STOLEN** — A 1989 Santera was stolen from Kearney Street between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. on Oct. 8.

CORRECTIONS



An incorrect name was given for Khalil Bendib (in denim jacket) in a photo (above) accompanying the Oct. 4 story, "Lines of communication."

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The Oct. 11 story "Yan Can cook — and stir up good will" should have said the event raised \$4,200 for El Cerrito High School.

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The president most likely to be a saint

A FEW YEARS ago, I was watching a panel discussion on the Carter presidency on C-SPAN, and one of the panelists was Carter's former speechwriter, Hendrick

Hertzberg. Someone asked him what his old boss' most distinctive characteristic. Hertzberg replied, "He was the only president in my lifetime who wasn't criminally insane."

The whole room gave a collective gasp, but Hertzberg explained, "Look up the definition of criminal insanity in the dictionary. It means the inability to distinguish right from wrong."

And he had a point. Alone among our recent presidents, Carter called what Kurt Vonnegut called "a genial willingness to sacrifice others' lives to one's purposes."

That's because Carter isn't a politician; he aspires to be a saint. And, after all, the president is based on U.S. foreign policy and his belief that "we

must lead our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon." That led him to do some of the things, including putting human rights front and center, negotiating the Israeli-Egyptian Camp David accords, and signing the Panama Canal treaty, which has saved us countless

troubles in Latin America. Trouble is, cynicism also has a place in leadership. Just as at the career of one of our most successful presidents, Franklin D. Roosevelt (who

once said of a Latin American country, "He may be an S.O.B., but he's our S.O.B."), Carter never understood

politics and he still doesn't, which is why he wasn't a very effective president and why he often

was his successors' right up to the wall. He has both a saint's strength and weakness: a

reluctance to determine to do what God gives him to see right, and a maddening inability to consider the possibility that he might be wrong.

Humorist Art Buchwald expressed both admiration and sadness when he said of Carter, "I worship the very

ground he walks on." But that hasn't stopped him from being a very good

president. He isn't the greatest president in our history, but many are claiming today in the wake of his Nobel Prize.

John Adams, who spent the last years after he left the White House as a member of Congress, fighting an often lonely

struggle for the abolition of slavery. Can't do much better than

him. But Carter is a strong No. 2, followed by William Howard Taft, who went on to serve as

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Herbert Hoover, who headed the Hoover Commission on government reform; and

Ulysses S. Grant, whose struggle to provide for the country by finishing his

term before he died from cancer inspired the nation and helped heal the chasm between North and South after the Civil War. Interestingly, all five were

judged failures during their presidencies. And who was the worst

president? John Tyler, who



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

Can't do much worse than that!

Carter isn't perfect, and why should he be? Even the greatest of saints have human flaws. (St. Peter, after all, denied Jesus three times before the cock crowed.) In his single-minded pursuit of peace, he sometimes shows too much willingness to kiss up to dictators. But he's a good man who tries his best every day to do the right thing, and he more than deserves his Nobel Prize. He should have gotten it long ago.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer was wrong when he said, "It's a great day for Jimmy Carter." It's a great day for all Americans.

But it's also a sad day for Americans, because historian Stephen Ambrose, the troubadour of our democracy, is dead. Like many of his fans, I got turned on to him in 1994, when I read his masterpiece, "D-Day, The Climactic Battle Of World War II." It's a thrilling page-turner and, as he himself put it, "a love song to democracy."

Before "D-Day," he was just another obscure college professor. But that book put him on the best-seller lists, and all of his subsequent books made the best-seller lists, too. Unhappily, his very success was his undoing. He started churning them out like a factory production line, often relying too much on assistants; and the writing started to show it. It lacked the crispness of his earlier works. It all came a cropper last year, when he was accused of plagiarizing some of the language in his last book, "The Wild Blue," from other authors.

Actually, the charge wasn't quite true: Yes, he failed to include some quotation marks, but he did attribute the quotes in footnotes. But it was enough to cause him terrible embarrassment just as he was diagnosed with his fatal cancer.

But that doesn't detract from his great contribution. More than anyone else, he taught us about the huge debt we owe to our G.I. fathers and grandfathers. (If you've seen the first 30 minutes of "Saving Private Ryan," they're taken directly from the pages of "D-Day.")

To quote his hero, Dwight D. Eisenhower, "It's a wonderful thing to remember what those fellows were fighting for and sacrificing for. Not to conquer any territory, nor for any ambitions of our own. But to make sure that Hitler could not destroy freedom in the world."

I think it's just overwhelming. To think of the lives that were given for that principle, paying a terrible price on this beach alone, on that one day, 2,000 casualties. But they did it so that the world could be free. It shows what free men will do rather than be slaves.

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Rowells' talent, spirit remembered

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — Galen Avery Rowell climbed the Andes and Himalayas and reached the North and South poles, only to find that much of what he sought in exotic venues he could find in his native California.

Barbara Cushman Rowell endured storms and primitive landing strips piloting her plane to Patagonia, but it was in the relative banality of a California airfield that she met her earthly end.

The couple died Aug. 11 when a chartered plane in which they were passengers crashed short of the airport runway in Bishop, where they had moved from the East Bay in 2001.

They were 61 and 54. Two other people died, including the pilot.

A succession of publishers, wildlife preservationists and explorers at a memorial in the Berkeley Community Theater credited Galen Rowell, who published 18 books and frequently contributed to National Geographic, with reinventing nature photography.

"He transformed (it) into a physical, athletic endeavor," said Steve Werner, publisher of Outdoor Photography, a frequent showcase for Rowell's work.

Werner, who also publishes Plane & Pilot, said Barbara Cush-



EDDIE LEDESMA/STAFF

GYUTO MONKS from San Jose open Sunday's memorial for Galen and Barbara Rowell with a tribute to the couple's dedication

man Rowell "epitomized the super-enthusiast" for whom that magazine was intended.

"She was our pilot... beyond airplanes, in every sense of the word," Werner said.

Others eulogized the Rowells' union.

"As individuals, and as a couple, they stood for bravery... passion and integrity," said the author Barry Lopez in a statement read by writer and editor Christine Eckstrom.

Gyuto monks from San Jose opened the event with a prayer chant, a tribute to the couple's championing of Tibetan culture and religion.

Then emcee Doug McConnell of KRON-TV's Bay Area Backroads showed a film in which he follows the couple for a day of flying, hiking, photographing and philosophizing in the Sierra and White Mountains near Bishop.

Awed eulogizers portrayed Galen Rowell as larger-than-life: one who, as a boy, exhibited perfect musical pitch but was too restless to sit still for the cello or piano; a man who would go for morning jogs at 17,000 feet or wake fellow passengers on a steamer in the Bering Sea with the tap-tap-tap of his feet running on the deck

at 5 a.m.

"Galen's physical prowess was legendary," said World Wildlife Fund president Kathryn Fuller, who remembered Rowell during a Himalayan trek "climbing boulders for sheer fun while much younger Sherpas struggled to keep up."

NBC's Tom Brokaw, in a video, described Rowell as "handsome as a rock star — and so modest."

Wildlife photographer Frans Lanting marveled at "the focus and grace with which he (Rowell) moved through wild landscapes."

Said McConnell, "he was made of different fibers than the rest of us."

They remembered Barbara Cushman Rowell as someone who had excelled in various fields before becoming a photographer, writer and pilot, recently completing her first book, "Flying South: A Pilot's Inner Journey," about a 25,000-mile journey through Latin America.

"Gliding effortlessly over the land always gives me a rush," Eckstrom read from the book, scheduled for publication this month. "When I am at the controls, time flies with me."

Mae Ritz is a class act among community servants

MAE RITZ IS THE PERFECT model of a community activist. There is hardly anything she has not done in and for the city of El Cerrito since moving there in 1950. And that, my friends, covers a great deal of territory.

Ritz is modest about it, saying only that she feels it is important to take part in the community where you live, to be an active participant in its affairs, and to know what is going on.

She does take part, she is an active participant, and she certainly knows what is going on, not only in city affairs, but in organizations and groups in and around El Cerrito.

Born in Florida, Ritz came to California and thence to El Cerrito, "spending half of my life here," she says with a smile.

From the time her daughter entered pre-school she has been involved, beginning with the school and with the co-op, that wonderful more-than-a-grocery-store that was very much a part of the life of many people in the area for so many years.

Ritz went on to other things, including being part of the Parks and Recreation Committee in the city, and then on the Safety Commission. She was chairman of the Contra Costa County Cancer Drive, and chaired the 50th-anniversary celebration of St. John's Catholic Church.

She entered city politics in 1988, when then-councilwoman Ann Howe learned that she had cancer and resigned. Ritz was appointed to fill out the term. She ran for election the next



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

year and was elected handily. She was re-elected four years later, and spent one term as mayor.

"I got to know a lot of wonderful people in El Cerrito, and feel we are so fortunate to have people who care about their community and demonstrate it by doing many things to help out," Ritz said.

During this time she also went to work, and remained working at Summit Medical Center for 11 years, as quality services coordinator, interacting with patients, staff and doctors to resolve patient's claims, and to track patient services and report how they were doing.

"It was an interesting job and I enjoyed it," she says. "I met so many interesting people as I visited with patients, talked about the care they received and how things were going. I developed friendships with some of them that continued after they left the hospital."

Of course, like so many women who became active in their communities at the time, Ritz began with the PTA. Daughter Sheri and son Charles are the children with Ritz's first husband, Al Hernandez, who passed away in 1991. Her husband now, Richard Ritz, has two children.

It wasn't until I asked her what events in her life meant the most to her that she told me about the honors she had received: In 1970, the JC (Junior Council) named her a Woman of Distinction. This was especially meaningful because in prior years it had always been a man. She was and is the only woman to receive the award.

She reached even further back for the other thing that delighted her, and it is something any woman would remember happily: winning a beauty contest in her senior year at her Florioida high school.

And, of course, being elected to the City Council. "It was important to have the confidence of the people and know you were going to represent them. Very important."

Ritz, who is a past president and now vice-president of the Soroptimists, spoke of the project that organization has taken on. Everyone remembers the wonderful exhibits Sundar Shadi used to display on his Arlington Boulevard property. El Cerrito's Rich Bartke talked with the attorneys for Shadi's estate and to his daughters, and the result was that the figures from his Christmas displays were given to the Soroptimists, who promised to restore and display them.

The figures require a great deal of work, and the organization is looking now for an artist who can help with the faces. They also hope people will want to sponsor the work they are doing, Ritz said, so that these familiar and beloved fig-

ures, actually fine examples of folk art, could once more be displayed, probably in the area of Arlington Boulevard and Moerer Lane.

Two of the figures have been restored and were briefly exhibited last year. They had hoped to repair more by December, but are not sure they can, she added.

The Soroptimists are starting a nonprofit organization to raise money to help with the restoration of the figures. Ritz called my attention to the fact that there were no actual religious figures among the sheep, goats, other animals, shepherds and other figures Shadi built for his displays.

Mae Ritz and her husband enjoy hiking; Briones and Pt. Reyes are some of their favorite trails.

"We are not rock climbers, but we do go over rough roads," she says. She speaks of climbing up to beautiful views, and going over back roads in their Jeep. And as I watched her and listened to her I realized that here was a contented woman. And that's great.

For more information on restoring the Shadi figures, call Jane Bartke at 510-235-1315 or Ritz at 510-234-0135. Do you know people, places or groups in El Cerrito, Albany or Kensington that would make good subjects for this column? If so, please write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 510-525-4585. My e-mail is crgenser@aol.com.

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— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Election home stretch

THE RACES ARE on and people are talking. City Council candidates are meeting with voters, attending forums and discussing their platforms. With less than three weeks until Election Day, the campaigns are heating up, with candidates seeing the finish line after months of effort.

But many area residents find themselves in a dilemma — how to keep up with local and state candidates and measures, and also with the San Francisco Giants.

Fans of the political process are watching incumbents and newcomers as each tries to convince voters he or she would be the right choice for state, county or city government or school district board.

Giants fans are enjoying a heady time as their team is playing in the World Series for the first time in 13 years. They will be at the ballpark or glued to the TV to watch Barry, Benito and the boys try to capture the ultimate baseball crown.

What are fans to do?

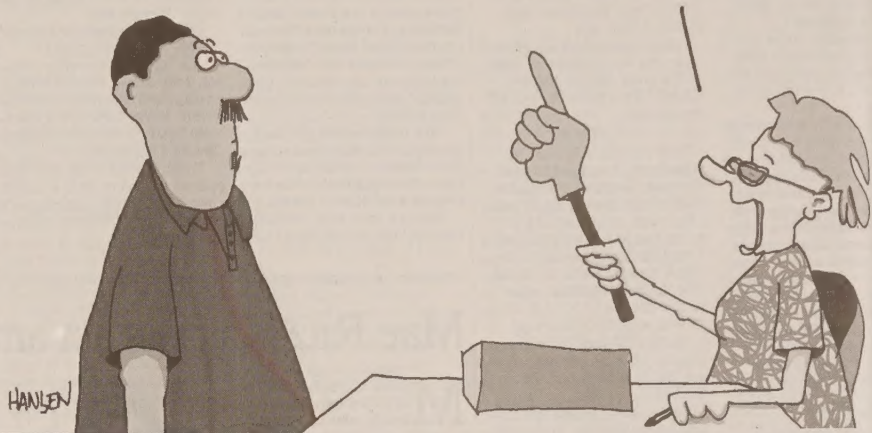
In Albany, will it be a discussion on proposed taxes or reveling in a double to right field? Is the gas station or a fastball over the plate on the minds of Kensington residents? In El Cerrito, are residents talking about the council race or a home run to McCovey Cove? Will voters be swayed by arguments over the West Contra Costa schools board, or revved up by the pageantry of the World Series?

It is unusual for the fall classic to be on the minds of Bay Area residents at the same time they're talking about the serious issues concerning their cities and casting their ballots.

But fans of both should be able to get the information they want. Voters can become informed about the election from a wealth of sources, including forums, Web sites, candidate fund-raisers and the official voter pamphlet. And Giants fans need only turn on the television or radio, or listen to the office buzz or the chatter at the mall or the grocery store.

Will it be the rally monkey or the rally rags? Redevelopment or revitalization? School bond measure or gas station? The final outcome for baseball fans will be known before votes are counted in the Nov. 5 election. So fans of both the political and sports arena should be able to study up on the election and still cheer on the Giants.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fear of speaking

Our First Amendment right to free speech is one of our most cherished freedoms and a cornerstone of our democracy. Many in the military and diplomatic circles have misgivings about going to war, yet to judge by recent news stories, they are not willing to have their names published.

What kind of freedom is there to speak if you have to fear the loss of your job, seniority and status for stating your position on a subject based on the facts you know and your interpretation of them? Only when all voices are heard and respected will this country truly be free. We could learn from each other if we would only listen.

James Schinnerer
Albany

Confounded

It bewilders me to see so many pledge a faith in our government — against a rather ill-defined and mercurial foe — when each day reveals another scandal within the ranks of our own corporations, seemingly unmindful of a similar loyalty.

For whom is our patriotism to be directed? Most products are made overseas by nations perhaps as suspect as those we seek to fight. American businesses eagerly establish offshore tax shelters, alliances are sought with dictators, simply to gain access to military staging areas, and political debate within the Congress is subdued — not by sense, but from fear of seeming "soft."

I wish I knew what it meant to display the proud symbols of America. We seem to be becoming a nation of no dissent and no debate, eager simply to see the very might of us, displayed in a war that, by its very definition, is not winnable.

David Lugin
Richmond

Double bonus

If Proposition 47, the state bond measure for schools, passes on Nov. 5, many of our local school districts will get a double bonus.

Any school district that passed its own local bond recently, like West Contra Costa Unified School District did, or passes one this November, will be eligible for money from Prop. 47 as well.

That means we can stretch our local dollars that much further. We can build new classrooms like our new LaVonya Dejean Middle School in Richmond, make safety and seismic improvements at existing schools, make certain that every school is wired for the technology of the 21st century, fix leaky roofs and upgrade bathrooms.

Every child deserves a learning environment that promotes success in the classroom.

Please join the PTA, the League of Women Voters, the California Teachers Association, the California State Labor Federation, the California Taxpayers' Association, the California Business Roundtable and many other organizations because it is a smart, sound solution to

building the 46,000 new classrooms the state needs.

If you vote for nothing else, please vote yes on Prop. 47. The students in kindergarten through university are counting on you.

Pixie Hayward Schickele
Albany

Albany school board

I plan to vote for Albany school board candidates Miriam Walden, Michael Barnes and Sherri Moradi on November 5. I am writing to you to share my reasons why.

These three candidates, all parents of students in Albany schools, have proven to us their willingness to work hard for education, their knowledge of economics including the intricate links between fiscal and educational policies, and their commitment to involving the full community in decisions.

As we all know, Albany's school system has gone through a tough couple of years. It now, finally, is getting back on its feet with a strong new superintendent who is well versed in school financing, diligent and communicative. He is pursuing a path to lead the AUSD out of its fiscal troubles.

But for two years, the AUSD was on the brink of losing its good teachers, its fiscal solvency and, indeed, its quality because of a sloppy administration and a sleepy board of education.

It took parents — specifically Miriam Walden — to point out to the Albany community that the budget numbers presented by the previous administration were not complete, thus prodding the board and administration to more thoroughly study and communicate the financial situation.

It took parents — specifically Miriam Walden and Sherri Moradi and Michael Barnes who headed the early indicators of trouble — to point out that many of Albany's gifted teachers were considering leaving the AUSD because Albany paid less than surrounding school districts.

A parents committee made up of Walden, Moradi, Barnes and about 30 others then formed to support teachers and help them work with the board and the community to solve an impasse in teachers contract negotiations.

We need a wise, economics-avvy, and pro-active board of education to work with the new administration in salvaging Albany's good education and restoring the district to solid financial footing.

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These three candidates are indeed well qualified for the task.

Barbara Grady-Ayer,
Albany, CA

Grady-Ayer is co-chair of the Community School PTA.

Bomb Iraq first

Instead of arguing about whether Saddam has weapons of mass destruction, we should bomb his palaces and all the other places he doesn't want inspected.

If there are any chemical, biological or nuclear weapons they would be blown up and could be analyzed. This would be proof positive of the existence of his defiance of international law.

We could then go to the United Nations and get agreement for a ground offensive.

Christianne Terrell
Berkeley

Unfortunate reality

Since about 1991, when California had a recession, the state Legislature has been regularly diverting tax monies from Cities and Counties to state government programs and for school funding.

In economically flush years some of the funds were restored, but never fully. Over the past decade the city of Albany has lost significant revenues (now an estimated \$500,000 a year) in this way.

The city is not economically strong. Measures F, G and H on the November ballot aim to address this unfortunate reality in a measured and focused way.

Measure F would allow the city to sue \$14.5 million in tax-exempt bonds to fund deferred maintenance and needed capital improvements.

Measure G would increase the emergency medical services tax and will ensure that we can keep our city paramedic services strong. Measure H will place some of the lost general fund revenues through a real property transfer tax increase — a tax that is paid only when property is bought and sold.

The funds from all three measures would be locally raised and locally spent and represent a step toward improved fiscal self-sufficiency. I urge you to vote yes on Measures F, G and H.

David Madison

Madson is treasurer of Citizens to Preserve Albany.

Do you know a local hero?

The Journal will launch a new monthly "Local Heroes" feature in the next several weeks to shine the spotlight on those who go the extra mile.

Do you know a local hero? Someone who has made a difference in the community, made life significantly better at school or work, in the neighborhood, or in his or her congregation? Once a month, we will highlight people whose devotion to helping

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Parents can help with CORE program

FAMILIES CAN WORK closely with the schools to ensure their children's success in reading and writing. Linda Diamond, vice president of Consortium on Reading Excellence, CORE is the training firm training West Contra Costa Unified School District teachers in the district's newly adopted language materials.

Parents should see materials at home that explain what is going on at school, with access to do at home that parallel schoolwork, Diamond. The Open Court materials used by the district's kindergarten through fifth-grade teachers include an element called "Home Connection." The materials, one side in English and one side in Spanish, include the themes the class is studying, the stories they are reading, vocabulary words, and spellings being learned (younger students), and access to the class

takes away the question "What's going on in my classroom?" says Diamond.

Like the school curriculum, the materials are explicit and systematic, she says. They support children at the beginning and end of each lesson. Diamond recommends parents ask for the Home Connection materials if they aren't getting them, and try the activities.

Younger children should be receiving small paper cards. These are often called "picture books," meaning they should be able to read based on the illustrations. The materials they have been given so far, or "take-home" materials, although these terms do appear on the books. The materials are used extensively in kindergarten and first grade, and are needed to reinforce learning in second and third grade.

Parents should support their children as they read and re-read these books, Diamond.

One of the most important things parents can do is make sure their children, through high quality, set aside at least 20 minutes each day to read. Diamond says, the time should be a family



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

time. Children should have an opportunity to talk about their reading, such as what they liked and didn't like about it. For younger students still learning to read, parents should be reading with them.

Parents should also encourage their children to do more writing, she says, such as writing letters to family members and making lists. And they should see parents writing. "They need to see writing as a useful tool. They need to see writing as something adults do to communicate with others and keep track of things."

Family members can also keep journals, and even have a journal in which the family records something together each day.

Teachers and parents need to work as a team, she says, and this includes sharing information. If a parent notices their child having difficulty reading they should bring it to the teacher's attention. Similarly, parents should be able to get specific information from the school on their children's reading and writing abilities.

The school district adopted new language-arts materials this year for students in kindergarten through eighth grade, and for high school students who need intervention. The materials are based on state standards, and teachers are receiving extensive training in their use.

According to the school district, more than 800 district teachers have received 40 or more hours of training in the materials over the summer or early in the school year, and training will continue through the school year. The state is providing financial support for the training under AB 466.

Betty King Buginas is a West Contra Costa Unified School District teacher.

Graphic novels' depth make them worth a look

"I've been drunk for about a week now, and I thought it might sober me up to sit in a library." — F. Scott Fitzgerald, 1896-1940, from "The Great Gatsby," 1925, Ch. 3

REMEMBER WHEN I mentioned graphic novel labels? Did you wonder if you even wanted to know what a graphic novel is? Today, in recognition of Teen Read Week, I'm going to briefly describe this genre and why you might want to take a look at it.

First, though, about Teen Read Week: Every year the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association sponsors a theme-based program called Teen Read Week. Libraries scattered all over the country celebrate in various ways. This year's theme is graphic novels.

And how are your local libraries celebrating this event? West Contra Costa County is having its 12th Annual Teen Writing and Art Contest, with a deadline of Oct. 19. Readitude, their Teen Reading Program, also started this week.

The Albany Library has had a graphic novel display all

week, and Saturday is the last day teens (11 to 19) can enter the drawing to win two dozen cookies. Entries are Mini Book Reviews, available at the reference desk.

So, what is a graphic novel? Well, to start with, it looks like a thick comic book or, as Nicolette Jones put it in a Sunday Times (London, 1990) article titled "From Superman to Swamp Thing": "Graphic novels, full-length novels in comic-strip form, read like film story-books, making use of cinematic techniques."

They are a style of writing and illustrating that can cover any subject — from "Maus," Art Spiegelman's Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel about his father's experiences with the Nazis, to "Revolutionary Girl Utena," by Chiho Sato and Be Papas, to the haunting images of Grant Morrison and Dave McKean's "Arkham Asylum, a Serious House on Serious Earth."

They are usually published by a publishing house and are bound — that is, they are books. (I mention this because recently it was explained to me that graphic novels and zines



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

are two different things. Zines are self-published, or as Mike Gunderloy and Carl Goldberg Janice say in the introduction to "World of Zines": "... thousands of small presses which are produced primarily for love rather than money.")

I've gone to two panel discussions on graphic novels. The first one was sponsored by the Bay Area Young Adult Librarians, and it included young local writers. It was my first adult experience with this kind of book, and I wasn't convinced when I left that I would be reading any of this kind of book.

But since then more and more have become available, and I have found that once I adjusted to the idea of words and illustrations together, I liked them. Of course, there is some history for me: I loved

Superman comics and the Tin-Tin books.

So, if you are at the library, take a look. Maybe you'll find one you like.

READER'S TIP: And speaking of liking books, today's book review is from Ann and the book is "Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen" by Bob Greene. This book is nonfiction, is for ages high school to adult and is about the people of North Platte, Neb., and soldiers who passed through on the troop trains during World War II.

One word Ann would use to describe this book is "touching," and she recommends it because, "In the aftermath of 9/11 it is reaffirming to read a story about Americans coming together and supporting one another. This story will bring tears to your eyes."

Want to recommend a book? Pick up a Mini Book Review at the Albany Library Reference Desk. Questions? Comments? Suggestions? I can be reached at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. or at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org.

Popular music camp makes plans for summer

By Cindee de la Vara
STAFF WRITER

The Cazadero Performing Arts Camp has been instrumental in honing the musical success of many Bay Area musicians since 1957. And there's a secret behind Cazadero's recipe for fostering musical talent: timing.

Registration for next summer's camp, to be held in a redwood area of Sonoma County just north of Sebastopol, begins in winter — due to the large volume of students and families wanting to participate. Camp organizers are now busy assembling applications and will send them out in the first week of December.

"We have a 35-member board of directors," said Cazadero board member Suzan Windnagel. "The camp has a terrific presence."

Windnagel and her husband, Piedmont High School band director and Cazadero board member Travis Davison, are also co-founders of the budding-East Bay Youth Band, which creates rehearsal and performance opportunities for East Bay kids in grades six to nine.

For seven or eight weeks each summer, beginning in mid-June, Bay Area children and families have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the magic of music.

"We have a week-long session of family camp and six sessions of youth camp," explained Berkeley resident and board member Bill Lutt, whose parents, Robert and Beth Lutt, founded the original Cazadero Music Camp. "Family camp is designed for everyone in the family to participate. It's an opportunity to communicate through music."

The middle school, junior high school and high school Cazadero Performing Arts camp sessions each run for two weeks.

"They come to camp playing an instrument," said Cazadero Performing Arts camp executive director David Shaw, whose office is in Berkeley. "Then they have the opportunity to participate in a major ensemble such as an orchestra, concert band or jazz band. There's more: there are electives such as the chamber music program, yoga and theater improvisation."

Of course, there are the traditional recreational activities such as hiking and swimming, Shaw added.

"There's a nice balance of recreation, music, poetry, writing and electives," Windnagel said.

In 1954, 24-year-old Robert Lutt, a Nebraska native, and his wife, Beth, arrived in Berkeley, where Lutt was to become band director at Berkeley High School. According to Lutt, at that time, Cazadero Summer Camp was one of three camps belonging to the city of Berkeley, the other two

being Yosemite and Echo Lake.

"My wife had finished school, and we needed an inexpensive place to get away," Lutt recalled. "It was suggested that we go to Cazadero. After asking about starting a music camp there, the Cazadero Music Camp began in June 1957."

Most of Lutt's band went to that first session — close to 70 young people. "The impact on those kids was tremendous," Lutt said, remembering the hundreds of youth that passed through Cazadero Music Camp while he directed it for Berkeley. "It led to our oldest son wanting to continue the music camp program. And our other children, Brian and Rebecca, helped at camp as counselors and performers."

After an artistic disagreement between Lutt and the city of Berkeley, Cazadero Music Camp went into hibernation, only to spring to life once more under the leadership of Lutt's son, Bill, in 1996.

"A large number of alumni restarted it and it has grown rapidly," Bill Lutt said. "They are people dedicated to Cazadero and the programs we offer."

"Bill went and got 50 friends and they met at the Oakland Hilton," Robert said. "He wanted a large board of directors and then, we leased the camp from Berkeley — changing the name to Cazadero Performing Arts Camp. We added a program in dance."

At the end of each session, the campers give eight performances open to the public.

Each October, Cazadero offers Jumpstart in Music, a music program for the newest of musicians.

"It's a program that allows elementary-aged children to begin and enjoy music," Bill said.

For more information about Cazadero Performing Arts Camp, call 510-527-7500 or visit <http://www.cazpac.org>.

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drop in classes in dance, fitness, martial arts and more; University of California, 2800 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; 510-526-5094.

lecture/workshop

War in Peace presents "War in the World" at 7 p.m. Oct. 21, at Redwood City Community Center, 2951 Derby St. The program includes a brief video followed by a discussion. Refreshments and a potluck dinner will be served. Details: Judy, 510-526-5094.

Berkeley Camera Club meet Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 Alameda, Berkeley. Share your photos and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips are included. For more information, call Don at 527-3365 or visit the Web site at berkeleycameraclub.org.

YWCA Turning Point Career Center at 2600 Bancroft Way, presents "The Art of the Interview" from 12 to 1 p.m. Oct. 22. Wadell, owner of the Untangled business, will share her expertise in helping families and individuals on top of their busy lives. She teaches other organizers and recently published "The Organizing Book: 9 Strategies for Simplifying Your Life." Cost: \$3. Details: 848-6370.

Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and poetry books. Meet the children's literature and research your Jewish roots or the best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-6327.

Chi Kung and Chi-kung classes at Berkeley Unitarian Church on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Saturday mornings at Berkeley Unitarian Church, 2000 Center St. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to the classes. Cost: \$65. To sign up call 848-6327.

YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet monthly, the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Details: 526-9146 or 547-1969.

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Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

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available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings

Friendship Circle, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Details: Maria, 848-0237 ext. 115 for more information.

Improve your speaking skills by attending Berkeley Communicators' Toastmaster meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

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Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St., the Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more information, call R. DeRitt, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364.

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The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

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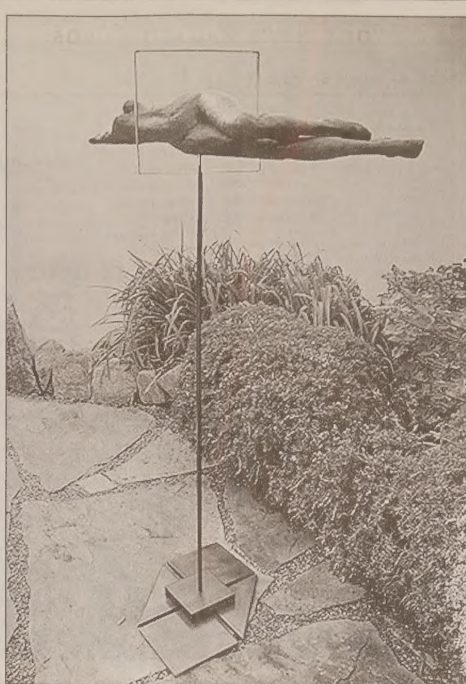
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"FLOATING FIGURE" by Dana Angel-Wing is among the works on display at the "Ceramics Bay Area and Beyond" exhibit at A New Leaf gallery, 1286 Gilman St., through Nov. 17. The ceramic and steel figure sells for \$2,200.

Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Details: 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. Meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave. Details: 869-2547.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley. Details: 528-1235.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health Building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tues-

day of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). Details: 273-9292.

TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

The Berkeley Collegium Musicum performs "Music from Mantua," featuring works by Monteverdi, Rossi, Farina, and Buonamente, at 8 p.m. Oct. 25. The Berkeley Collegium Musicum performs music for Violins, Viols, and Voices, at 8 p.m. Nov. 22, under the direction of Elisabeth Reed. These concerts take place in Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St. Admission is by donation: \$12 general and \$8 for students, seniors, or handicapped. No one will be turned away for lack of

the suggested donation. For more information, call 510-549-3864.

The Etude, a musical study group, holds meetings at the Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar Street, at 1 p.m., fourth Mondays, September through May. December, the meeting changes to the third Monday. The club is open to both men and women, and includes both performer and non-performers. Additional information can be obtained by calling 510-531-6088 or 525-2808.

Ducksan Distones, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Giustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursdays from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Details: 594-1400.

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

The UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Strawberry Canyon, offers a free sick plant clinic on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. Dr. Raabe will diagnose. Details: 643-2755.

Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lelia 655-3911.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to YWCA members. Details: 848-6370, leave a message for Anne Levine.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

"Communication Skills in Parkinson's Disease" will be discussed by Professor Rhoda Agin at 10 Oct. 21, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. For more information, call 981-5190.

Joanna Casseesse and Lucy Scott present "Aging with Grace, Power and a

Plan," at 1 p.m. Oct. 22, at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. For more information, call 981-5190.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-East Bay Chapter, NAMI-East Bay, sponsors a support group for families of children with mental illness. This group provides information and support to families of children and adolescents with mental illness. The next meeting will be held from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Oct. 15, at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage St., in Albany (at the corner of Marin Avenue, two blocks east of San Pablo Avenue). Support meetings are free and offer parents and other family members a chance to talk with others. For more information, call NAMI-East Bay at 510-524-1250.

Grandparent Support Group meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the second Thursday every month at the Malcolm X Elementary Arts and Academics School, 1731 Prince St., room 105A Berkeley. Grandparents, relatives can express their concerns and needs and receive support, information, and referrals for kinship care. Details: Leni Siegal, healthy start coordinator, 510-644-6517.

Become a Certified Domestic Violence Counselor. Building Futures with Women and Children is offering a state-recognized training for those interested in volunteering with battered women and children. Training is located at 1395 Bancroft Ave in San Leandro. Call 510-357-0205 ext. 110 for more information.

The number of recent tragedies both locally and across the nation can evoke reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior. Alameda County Crisis Support Services offers help through its 24-hour crisis line, grief counseling, education and community debriefing programs. Call 849-2212 for more information.

A free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Restorative Yoga class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help ease tension and discomfort, open the body to relaxation, well-being. Details: Janet, 891-9560.

Adult Survivors of Incest, a local support group in the East Bay is being formed. The group will gather for healing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Details: Altica Peace at 625-1698. Feel free to leave a message.

The pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one can often feel overwhelming - especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 889-1104.

"The Grief Care Community" offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Details: 540-0830.

Literary Events

Long-distance bicyclist and gives an informal talk called "The American Dream: The Simple Life," at 7 p.m. Oct. 17, at the Berkeley Public Library, 1800 University St. For more information, call 841-8732 and bus connections, 841-8100.

Reading Edge is available for use at the Berkeley Public Library, 1800 University St. This computer program reads text and reads it back with a synthesized voice. It's

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BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY — FAMILY STORYTIME AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY — through Oct. 26. A program for children ages 3 to 7 and their families. All programs begin at 10:30 a.m. In the Story Room. Free.

Oct. 19: Songs and Stories.
Oct. 26: Puppet show.

Central Library, 2121 Allston Way, Berkeley. 510-649-3964 or 510-644-6100 or www.infopeople.org/bpl

BROOKS ISLAND — "Whale in the Delta," Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A guided instructional day trip in a double kayak. Distance: 2 miles. Ages 14 and up.

\$70 to \$78. Just off the Richmond Inner Harbor, Richmond. 510-636-1684 or www.ebparks.org

BUDDY CLUB — "The Flying Calamari Brothers," Oct. 20, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. A fast-paced comedic and magical show.

\$7. The Berkeley Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. 510-236-SHOW or www.TheBuddy-Club.com

CALIFORNIA INDIAN STORYTELLING ASSOCIATION — "California Indian Storytelling Festival," Oct. 19 and Oct. 20. A presentation of performances, panel discussions and California Indian oral traditions and folklore. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

\$6 to \$10 adults; \$6 children and seniors. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. San Leandro Community Theater Center, 300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro. 510-651-6414, 510-794-7253 or www.cistory.org/festival

CHABOT SPACE AND SCIENCE CENTER — A state-of-the-art facility unifying all science education activities around astronomy.

\$8 general; \$5.50 children and youths age 4 to 12; free children age 3 and under; free for all on the first Wednesday of the month; free weekends for telescope viewing only; \$4 parking. Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Through October: additional planetarium, theater and telescope observatory evening hours: Friday and Saturday, 6:45 p.m. to 11 p.m. 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. 510-336-7300 or www.chabotspace.org

CHILDREN'S FAIRYLAND USA — A fairy tale theme park featuring more than 30 colorful fantasy sets. Designed especially for children age 10 and under, there are gentle rides, a train, the "Peter Rabbit Village," puppet shows, story-telling and lots of slides and animals.

"Play Island," ongoing. A multi-level treehouse play area inspired by the novel "Swiss Family Robinson."

\$6 general includes unlimited rides, special shows, guest entertainers and puppet shows; free children under age 1. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting. 699 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. 510-452-2259, 510-238-6878 or www.fairyland.org

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER — "Jaws of San Francisco Bay," Oct. 19, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Discover the underwater world of sharks through slides, stories and a craft. Registration required. \$2.

"Trees Inside and Out," Oct. 19, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Examine tree cookies, become a leaf detective and discover the goodness of trees. Ages five and up.

"Estuary Extravaganza," Oct. 19, 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. An indoor and outdoor smorgasbord of estuary excitement. Ages 10 and up. \$5 to \$7.

"Treasure Trackers," Oct. 20, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Discover how to identify animal clues. \$5 to \$7.

"Nature Cinema," Oct. 20, Oct. 26 and Oct. 27. Enjoy a collection of nature videos in the Old Wharf Classroom. Oct. 20: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to noon; Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Sea Siblings: Spiders," Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon. For ages 3 to 5 years old. Each class provides outdoor exploration and a theme-related craft. Reservations required. \$3.

"Estuary Explorers: Spiders," Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. For ages 6 to 8. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.

"Cattails N'Turtles," Oct. 26, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Explore the watery world of the pond and its inhabitants.

"Halloween Campfire Program," Oct. 26, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A nature walk and expanded campfire program with Halloween nature songs and stories. \$6 to \$8.

"Night Vision," Oct. 27, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Discover the myths and legends surrounding the night and its inhabitants.

Free unless noted otherwise. Registration required. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. 510-521-6887.

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE — Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion.

Tours of the Mansion, Wednesday, 11 a.m. to noon. Docents will lead visitors on a guided tour of the 37-room mansion and the estate's historic landscaping. Wear low-heeled shoes; no high heels allowed in the mansion. \$5 general; \$4 seniors, free children age 13 and under.

GROUNDS — The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

\$5 general; \$4 seniors, free children age 13 and under. Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. 925-275-9490 or 510-615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT — "Over the Edge: Offshore Safari," Oct. 19, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ride the brand new catamaran Adventure Cat II to explore Cordell Bank, the Farallon Islands or Pioneer Canyon. Ages 12 and up. Registration required. 925-757-2620. \$78 to \$86.

"Tree Planting Day," Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help plant trees in the Regional Parks. Locations vary. 510-544-2907 or 510-544-2515.

"Enough To Make You Bat," Oct. 23, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn about these cave-dwelling critters.

"Intro to Bay Paddling," Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Paddlers with some experience will focus on individual paddling skills at the Martin Luther King Jr. Shoreline. Ages 10 and up. \$85 to \$95.

"Sailing: Where the River Meets the Bay," Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sail in the brand new Adventure Cat II from Benicia through the Carquinez Strait and west Delta while sharing the geography, culture and history of the area. Ages eight and up. \$55 to \$61. Free unless otherwise noted. 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. 510-635-0135 or www.ebparks.org

HABITAT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — A museum especially for children age 7 and younger. Highlights include "WaterWorks," an area with some unusual water toys, an Infant Tree for babies, a garden especially for toddlers, a child-scale grocery store and cafe, and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.

EXHIBIT — "Back to the Farm," opened. This interactive exhibit gives children the chance to wiggle through tunnels like an earthworm, look into a mirrored fish pond, don farm animal costumes, ride on a John Deere tractor and much more.

\$4 general; \$6 children age 7 and under; \$3 for each additional child. Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2065 Kittredge Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. 510-647-1111 or www.habitat.org

HALL OF HEALTH MUSEUM — A hands-on community health education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

EXHIBITS — "This Is Your Heart!" ongoing. An interactive exhibit on heart health.

"Good Nutrition," ongoing. This exhibit includes models for making balanced meals and an exercise for calculating how calories are burned.

"Draw Your Own Insides," ongoing. Human-shaped chalkboards and models with removable organs allow visitors to explore the inside of their bodies.

"Your Cellular Self and Cancer Prevention," ongoing. An exhibit on understanding how cells become cancerous and how to detect and prevent cancer.

\$2. Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-549-1564 or www.hallofhealth.org

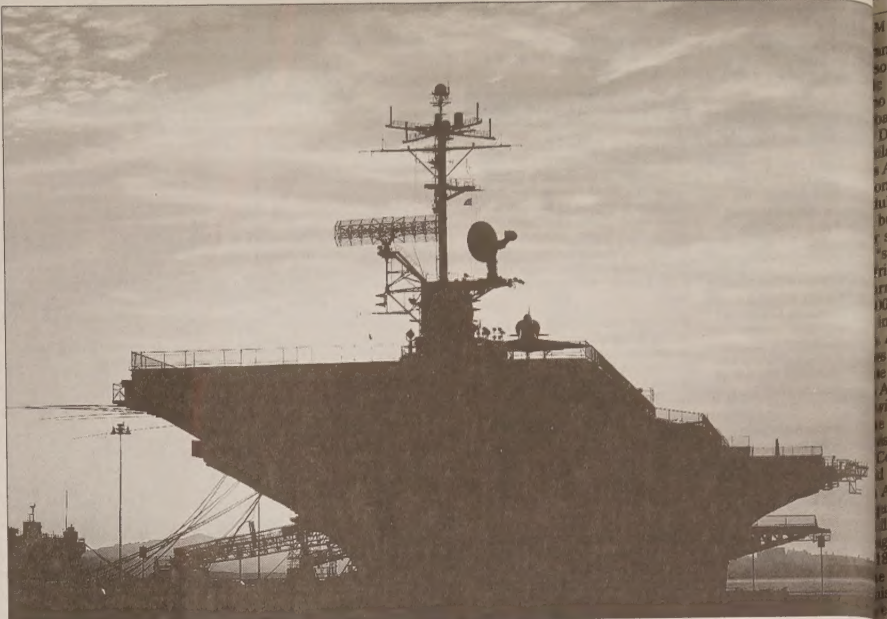
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Public History Cruises, through mid-November. The two-hour cruise into San Francisco Bay goes down the Oakland Estuary past the Port of Oakland container cargo facilities, then across

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Prior to departure, a 15-minute video about the history of the Potomac is shown at the Potomac Visitor Center. Advance reservations recommended. Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$30 general; \$27 seniors; \$15 youths age 6 through 17; free children age 5 and under.

USS POTOMAC: FDR Pier, Foot of Clay Street, northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Potomac Visitor Center: 540 Water St., Oakland. 510-839-8256 or 510-627-1215.

REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK — "Llama Day Hike," Oct. 19 and Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Llamas will carry your picnic lunches as you learn about how to handle and care for them. Distance: four to six miles. Ages 8 and up. Registration required. \$35 to \$39.

"Halloween Campfire Program," Oct. 26, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A nature walk and campfire program with Halloween stories and marshmallow roasting. \$6 to \$8.

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"Fall Pond Study," Oct. 20, 2 p.m. Look into the ponds to see what stage of life they're in. Discovery Scope.

"Leaves Must Fall," Oct. 20, noon. Talk about chlorophyll plants tell time and other fun facts.

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owners.

The commission asked that a bus stop on the south side of Solano at San Pablo Avenue be replaced with parking to make up the shortfall that would exist when the San Pablo Avenue stop is moved.

It also asked AC Transit to look into the possibility of creating "bulb-outs" — sidewalk extensions on the street — in front of the affected businesses. The bulb-outs would allow cars to be parked between them, as well as keep the bus stop where AC Transit has requested.

"It's apparently been done in other cities in a couple of other situations," Chaney said.

However, business owners said the requests were little comfort.

The parking on Solano that the commission requested was low-quality because of its location. People driving south would not want to make the right turn and then the U-turn necessary to park there.

"It's not safe to make a U-turn — there's no stop light," Singh said. "So making a U-turn right on the street, it'll be a big mess."

Singh has collected 300 signatures from residents and business owners opposed to the change and presented the petition to the city's traffic and safety commission.

smaller stores. "I don't have the solution to that problem," he said, adding "I would not stand in the way of moving Longs into Solano."

Maris said there was potential for a big box store to locate at the Eastshore Highway or Cleveland Avenue, but he would be against tearing out existing buildings for them to locate to the city. He added that Longs would not change the character of Solano Avenue. "I think it provides services and convenience for local residents," he said.

The candidates agreed they would consider looking into an ordinance that would limit the number of like-stores in a particular area, a tactic Berkeley employs to protect small businesses, according to resident Kim Linden.

Evelyn Slomon, owner of Nizza La Bella restaurant on San Pablo Avenue asked the candidates whether they would be willing to increase parking from one to two hours on Solano and San Pablo avenues, to encourage people to frequent more businesses.

Javandel and Maris said the issue was complicated because some businesses, like restaurants and the Albany Twin movie theater, would prefer longer parking times for their customers but other businesses, like dry cleaners, have much higher turnover. They said they would look into what changes could be made.

Good said he wasn't familiar enough with the issue to comment.

Ruth Gannon, a member of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, asked the candidates whether they would support extending the improvements on lower Solano Avenue to upper Solano Avenue, despite reports that the new look was cre-

Business owners say a better location for the stop is the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue in front of Beverages & More, which has its own parking lot.

Earlier this year, the city convinced AC Transit to move another bus stop set for the rapid bus service, on the east side of San Pablo Avenue, farther north than originally envisioned, to the front of Mechanic's Bank on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue, as a concession to business owners.

According to Chaney, AC Transit is anxious to get a response on whether the city will allow the current bus stop to be moved. Albany is one of the last cities along the San Pablo corridor to set locations for their bus stops, she said.

She said AC Transit wants to have their bus paths in place and San Pablo Avenue paved over by the summer of 2003 in preparation for the new bus system.

"I don't know if Albany could potentially lose a stop at San Pablo Avenue, but I think if it happened it would be very unfortunate for everybody, residents and merchants alike," Chaney said. "But, hopefully, we can have happy solution for everybody."

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Applications are also accepted over the phone.

BART

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Since the elimination of timed transfers, he says, trains on his route — from a Richmond-bound train to a Concord-bound train — are more crowded.

The El Cerrito City Council also requested that BART review the changes and provide better service to West Contra Costa County residents.

"We felt that in the latest decisions by BART in terms of scheduling, El Cerrito, West County and Berkeley were all kind of short-changed," said City Councilman Mark Friedman.

Nakadegawa said he's received about five complaints through e-mail and letters about the timed transfer changes — more complaints, he said, than

any other issue he's dealt with in 10 years on the BART board.

The problem is that four new stations are scheduled to open next year south of San Francisco and the trains from Dublin/Pleasanton are being directed there in preparation for those openings, according to Healy.

"In order to change that schedule, to basically reflect the new service, all the other schedules had to change around the new system," Healy said.

Nakadegawa has suggested to BART planners that the train schedules for the San Francisco and Fremont-bound trains from Richmond be shifted somewhat in the peak morning hours, shaving the wait time at transfer spots to three minutes.

For example, the San Francisco- and Fremont-bound trains

leave the Richmond station at 8 and 8:08 a.m., respectively. Nakadegawa has suggested flipping those times around so that the San Francisco-bound train leaves first. It could then meet up with the San Francisco-bound train from Pittsburg/Bay Point at the Oakland transfer station with just a few minutes wait time for riders.

Healy said BART planners are still looking at what can be done. In the meantime, to minimize the impact of the schedule changes, BART has placed trains with two additional cars bringing the total number of cars to 10 — on the San Francisco-bound trains from Richmond.

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A look back with Chief Larry Murdo

"Have Badge, Will Travel." That's what it says on former Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo's business card. Murdo became a former chief last Friday after cleaning out his office and having lunch with many members of the City Hall family.

Murdo has been police chief for over 16 years, and it is generally conceded that he could have been re-elected as long as he wanted. However, last November, Albanians voted to make the chief's position appointed rather than elected, and Murdo decided not to apply for the job.

"It is time to move on," he said. "I do so without reservations or ill will toward anyone. I've had a good time doing this, and there have been a lot of battles too."

As an elected official responsible to the voters, Murdo was able to set policies and champion whatever causes he chose. As he likes to point out, an appointed chief serving at the pleasure of the City Council and reporting to the city administrator no longer have the freedoms which past chiefs have enjoyed.

The newly appointed chief is Lt. Greg Bone, a 25-year veteran of the department.

"This is the first transition of Albany police chiefs where there has been absolute cooperation," Murdo stated. "Greg and I worked closely together on how everything should be done. He is an excellent and informed choice for the position and will do a very good job."

Leaving early

Although Murdo's term of office was not officially up until Nov. 6, he reached an agreement with the city to leave early. He explained that Bone was now fully capable of taking over, and that it would be better if the department did not have, in effect, two chiefs.

The new chief will be sworn in next Monday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave. Murdo, as a past chief, will retain his badge, permit to carry a gun, and peace officer powers.

I asked Murdo what he considered his outstanding achievements since he became chief in 1986. "The big thing was to change the culture of the department," he said. "We were still operating with a department manual written in 1958."

This was a simpler time for police officers, who did not have to be constantly aware that any word or action of theirs could lead to expensive litigation against the city. "The department paradigm hadn't altered since the '60s, but the laws had," Murdo stated. He is proud of having brought the department into the complex modern world while avoiding costly lawsuits.

The retiring chief is also proud of his Chief Operator teen driver safety program. In



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Man About Town

1992 the department was honored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police "J. Stannard Backer" award as the most creative police agency in the United States.

The program impressed Sen. Barbara Boxer when it won the "Buckle Up America" award. She drew President Bill Clinton's attention to it, and in 1993 he wrote congratulating the department on its "innovative approach to improving traffic safety." (The letter now hangs in the lobby of the Albany police station.)

Chief Operator is funded by a state grant through August 2003 and will continue at least until then. However, with Murdo gone and Sgt. Art Clemons retiring next month, its future is not assured.

Lt. Bill Palmi, who appears as Elvis Presley in the "Elvis and the Lawman" presentations, says the program will still be viable. But it will be up to city officials to decide whether or not to continue it. At present Chief Operator provides \$10,000 each to the Teen Center, Cafe Eclectica, Bust-A-Move (a high school dance group), and the Police Athletic League, according to Palmi.

Officer at school

Murdo's last hard-fought battle was to place a police officer at Albany High School as a School Resource Officer (SRO). He had urged this plan for some years without success as trouble grew on campus. Then a wave of school shootings in the U.S. drew attention to violence in schools and the vulnerability of students. Even so, there was heated opposition to having an armed police officer on campus with some claiming it would create fear and a "police state atmosphere."

After much debate, the School Board approved the SRO program which is now in its third school year and has proved highly successful. SRO Mike Ayers has earned the trust and respect of students, faculty, and administrators. He says the number of nonstudents coming on campus to sell dope and cause trouble has been greatly reduced, and that a "zero tolerance" policy on bullying and fighting has paid off.

A three-year federal grant which helped fund the program will run out next June at which time other revenues will have to found if it is to continue.

Murdo also takes satisfaction in the fact that he has regularly brought his department in under budget while maintaining high standards. He attributes this in part to the top-quality recruits he has been able to attract to the force

through the classes he teaches in the police academy at Napa State College. Murdo says he will continue to act as "liaison" with the Albany Department to secure it the most promising candidates.

Open positions

The department is going to need all the help it can get in this area as one officer has just left, three more including Clemons will go soon, and two more are being considered for employment in other agencies. Murdo sees filling these positions as the new chief's first major concern.

Aside from teaching law enforcement classes in the academy, Murdo will be teaching and consulting for Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST).

"I take arcane legal matters and interpret them so police officers can understand and use them," he said. "And I love every minute of it!"

Murdo says he also does "a lot of work" with the California Department of Corrections, and is in demand as a speaker at law enforcement conferences.

For years Murdo spoke in local high schools explaining the law and the consequences of violating it. Although not a lawyer, he developed a passion for the law as applied to police work.

Aided by what he terms a "photographic memory for legal matters" he educated himself and became a recognized authority in the field who is often consulted by other agencies. "People who want to hear me talk now will have to pay me," he says with a laugh. And they will have to call him in Paradise — California, that is — where he and his wife, Rene, now reside. "I may run for the city council there," he says.

And so Larry Murdo, who grew up in Albany, attended schools here, served on the police force for 29 years, and was usually rated the best politician in town, is gone. He leaves behind a fine police department, many friends, a few who are glad to see him go, and a big pair of shoes to fill.

The Larry Murdo story will go on, although I will not be writing parts of it as I have for so long. He has been the most accessible public official I have known in over half a century of reporting, and not just to journalists. I will miss his keen analyses of issues, his lightning humor, and his boundless enthusiasm. He has served Albany well and will now play a new part on a larger stage.

Dave Greer writes about Albany and environs for the Journal.



THE EL CERRITO Police Department has its first motorcycle and its first motorcycle police officer David Hartung.

Harley

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As a traffic enforcement officer, he said, he scopes out the city's hotspots for violations: That includes areas near schools or other public buildings where it's more likely that pedestrians and speeding or careless drivers could collide. It also includes streets near the BART stations where pedestrians are more likely to jaywalk.

Kirkland said the police department looks out mainly for stop sign and red-light violations, failures to yield and pedestrian safety. Collisions are studied to find out where and why they're most likely to happen and then those intersections are enforced, he said.

Hartung said he writes between three and 20 tickets a day, though there's no quota.

"The goal of what I do is hopefully to reduce the number of accidents happening in the city," he said.

The city had two police officers devoted to traffic enforcement starting in 1979 but both positions were lost in 1989 with money being taken away by the state as well as city budget problems.

In the meantime, Kirkland said, "we were asking officers to do it (traffic enforcement) when they had the chance."

With the city now back in the

black financially, Kirkland is rebuilding the traffic division. Hartung was assigned to traffic enforcement in August and Kirkland wants to fill two more positions, an officer and a sergeant.

The City Council authorized the creation of a new traffic enforcement position for the 2000-01 budget cycle, at Kirkland's request. The council has since approved creation of two more traffic enforcement positions.

The total cost for the positions is \$250,000 a year, with one funded by a state grant.

Earlier this year, the council also authorized Kirkland to buy the motorcycle devoted to traffic enforcement.

The motorcycle was purchased for \$14,000, but will be sold back to the dealer at the end of year; then a brand new one will be bought.

The only loss to the department is money needed for taxes and license fees and equipment installation; about \$2,000 a year. Harley Davidson also gives \$100 to the department when the bike is sold back to the company.

According to Kirkland, Harley Davidson will sell the motorcycle again and make a profit. It sells the motorcycles at practically no cost to police departments in part for the good press and to compete with BMW,

which has a contract to supply its

Kirkland wants to take advantage of the program's two motorcycles bought by Harley Davidson in 1983.

"The benefit is you get a brand new bike, state of the art, every year," said Hartung. Hartung has been a motorcycle officer since he came certified by the state as a motorcycle officer in 1983.

He said the motorcycle is actually much easier to maneuver and pass through traffic. For example, the motorcycle is faster in traffic, it's easy to turn and drive the corner.

It's also an effective tool, Kirkland said. Hartung has already shown off at the Tri-City State Fair, where he rode the motorcycle in traffic, it's easy to turn and drive the corner.

By January, Kirkland has an additional traffic enforcement officer on the well as a sergeant over two positions.

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Planting the seeds of a tradition

■ Charles Augustus Keeler and Bernard Maybeck drew on the inspiration around them

Part two of three parts
After their chance meeting on San Francisco Bay in 1891, Bernard Maybeck and Charles Keeler became friends. Three years later, Maybeck offered to design a house for him and after much persistence was given his first commission, a home for Keeler in Berkeley.

According to the information on the San Francisco Arts and Crafts Web site (www.geoci-

ties.com/SiliconValley/orchard/8642), Keeler "shared Maybeck's vision of transforming the rolling, grass-covered hills of Berkeley into an arcadian garden landscape speckled with rustic wooden homes."

Keeler founded the Hillside Club and served as its president from 1903 to 1905. While president, he set down his philosophy in writing in "A Simple Home," which he published in 1904.

With this book, Keeler took the lead in pointing the way for the development of several Bay Area communities that included Berkeley. Along with architects

like Bernard Maybeck, Keeler and his wife, Louise, established an architectural trend.

"Let the work be simple and genuine, let it be a genuine expression of the life which it is to environ," instructed Keeler, who "now became arbiter of good taste in local architecture as the prominent oracle a movement that was to be known as the First Bay Tradition," the Arts & Crafts Web site says.

One day, the story goes, Maybeck moved into a cottage in the hills above Oakland. His next-door neighbor was the

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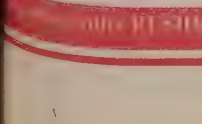
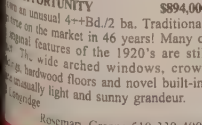
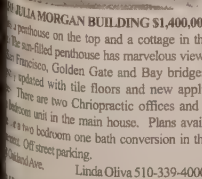
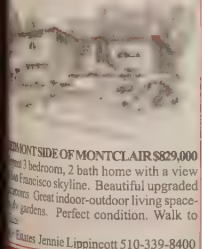
THE WOOD SHINGLES THAT EMPHASIZED Maybeck's dedication to nature were covered by stucco after the 1923 fire that ravaged Berkeley, left. This dedication is clear, however, in the home's interior. The soaring, cathedral ceiling with its natural wood beams highlights the architect's philosophy.

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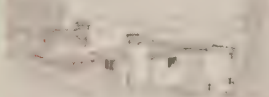
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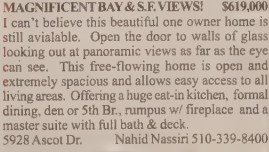


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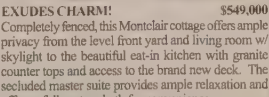
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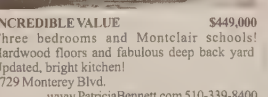
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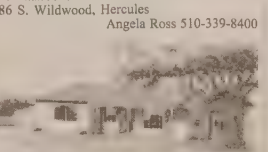
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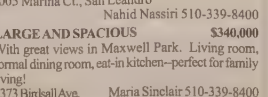
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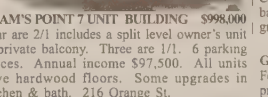
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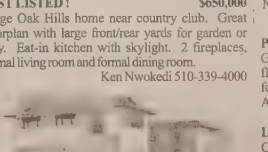
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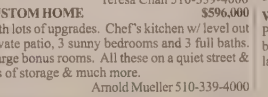
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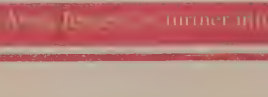
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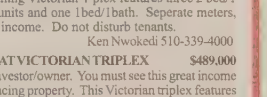
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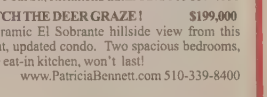
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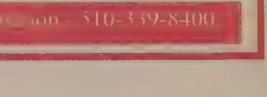
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Measure EE: taking things a bit too far

Number 408 in a series of true experiences in real estate

There is an Oakland rent control measure on the ballot next month. I am interested because I sell real estate in Oakland and own property here, a duplex that I rent out and a house that I live in. So I read the proposed law.

This ordinance would regulate under what circumstances a tenant could be asked to leave the apartment or house he lives in. A "good cause" would be the requirement to evict a tenant, a specified-by-law reason such as non-payment of rent, illegal activity, or damage to the dwelling. This provision is, it is said, to prevent owners from evicting people simply to get a higher rent from someone else.

But under the present rules, such a thing can't happen anyway. When a tenant is asked to leave (rather than leaving voluntarily), the rent must stay the same for the new tenant. So there doesn't seem to be much advantage rent-raise-wise to evict someone.

Probably many people in Oakland, both renters and homeowners, are not aware that there is already rent control in this city, but there is. Rents cannot be raised willy-nilly. Rent raises are generally limited to a specific allowance based on the consumer price index. Right now the rate is very low, .6 percent, which allows only an annual \$6 raise on a current monthly rent of \$1,000.

The November ballot measure, called Measure EE, does not change the rent increases allowed. But it does have far more extensive ramifications concerning occupancy of rentals — apartments and also single family houses.

My husband and I bought my duplex some 30 years ago next door to the house we were living in then. When we divorced a few years ago, I borrowed money and bought my husband out. I have no plans to sell the building, in part because I depend on the income, and also because it is possible that I, or my children, may



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want to live there one day. But could we?

One part of Measure EE delineates under what circumstances an owner can ask a tenant to leave so that the owner (or certain relatives of the owner) can move in. It states that the owner has to have previously lived in the rental unit. He must also have written into the rental agreement with his tenant a provision for such a possibility.

I have never lived in my duplex. Therefore, I would not be allowed to displace one of my tenants should I or my children wish to live in my building.

If, for example, one of my children was going to Cal and needed an apartment, he could only move into my building if one of my tenants decided on his own to vacate. If, because I got sick and couldn't work, or for any other reason decided that it would make sense for me to move out of my house and into one of my apartments, I could not ask a tenant to leave so that I could do so.

And, another rule, even if I qualified to evict a tenant so that I or my child could live there, we'd be required to stay for 3 years. In other words, if my child moved in and finished his doctorate in 2 years, then wanted to move elsewhere, according to the rules, he couldn't.

Suppose instead that I'd rented out my own residence while I took a job out of state. In that case, I would already have lived in the house, and would, I expect, have provided for the possibility of wanting to reoccupy in my agreement with my tenant. But there could still be big problems if I wanted to move back in again.

Because, under this ordinance, if I rent to the same tenant for 5 years and that tenant happens to be 60 years or older, I cannot ask the tenant to move out. Just the tenant's age and the fact that he'd rented from me for 5 years would prevent me getting back into my house. This would also be the case if the tenant was seriously ill or has a disability (as defined by the California Fair Employment & Housing Act).

What if I want to sell my house? Suppose that I made that move out of state, liked it in my new location and decided to sell my house in Oakland? Let's say that I am able to find a family who wants to buy it. But wait, there's a huge problem. The family can't move into the house. Why not? Because the tenant has been there for 5 years and is at least

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It's time to light the way

Fall and winter mean shorter days, colder weather and less natural light to safely traverse paths outdoors and hallways indoors. The change in seasons also means it's time to fire up the furnace and/or stoke the fireplace or wood stove.

With reduced natural light and furnace and fireplace operation come a host of safety and security hazards, such as nasty falls, home burglaries, increased fire danger and carbon monoxide poisoning. There are, however, several simple and inexpensive upgrades that will improve safety and security and, as a bonus, improve comfort and energy efficiency.

A poorly lit path is an accident waiting to happen — especially when an armful or groceries or packages. Solve the problem by installing landscape lighting. Also called accent and patio lighting, these low-voltage systems are more affordable, energy-efficient and easier to install than ever.

Although elements can be purchased piecemeal, most manufacturers offer a kit that contains everything needed to brighten up the exterior of your home — wire, transformer and fixtures. Besides improving path safety, these systems are a means of lighting dark, bushy areas that could serve as hide-outs for an intruder.

Get into motion

While landscape lighting contributes to the safety and security of a home, it does have its limitations. Where more lighting "horse-

power" is needed, such as at the front porch, driveway or a poorly lighted side or rear yard, consider motion-activated lighting.

This type of lighting turns on when a sensor detects motion — a feature that protects against intruders.

When motion-activated lighting first became popular, it was, for the most part, limited to a standard utility spot or floodlight. Today, decorative lantern-style fixtures automatically light up otherwise dark porches and patios. A motion-activated sensor also can be retrofitted to most existing light fixtures.

As with landscape lighting, motion-activated lighting is affordable and easy to install.

If you have a large area that requires much light and you want to accomplish it with a single fixture, a high-pressure sodium or mercury security light will do the trick. These fixtures pack a lighting punch. For example, a 70-watt sodium security light will illuminate more than 8,500 square feet, provide 6,300 lumens of light and last up to 12 times longer than a standard incandescent floodlight.

Add a built-in photo control and the light will automatically turn on at dusk and turn off at dawn with no timers or switches. Lighting upgrades shouldn't be limited to the exterior. You can improve safety and discourage prowlers by installing motion-activated lighting and timers inside, as well.

For example, a motion-activated light switch can come in handy when you travel through a



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dark hallway with an laundry.

Timers are still another of improving safety, see comfort. A standard wall can be replaced with a timer that will turn interior lighting off at preset times. What's more, the switch will allow for ratings that give you hours in look while you are a

A plug-in timer for a can also create the illusion of occupied home and keep intruders away. Timers are expensive and easy to

Besides providing safety and security, motion-activated switches and highly energy efficient lighting can help you frequently forget to turn

Don't neglect details. There are other ways of grading the safety of your during fall and winter there's smoke, there's carbon monoxide.

This slightly altered phrase is particularly during fall and winter fires increase due to fires home heating systems maximum use.

Every home and family be protected by one

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REAL ESTATE MAILBOX

Delegating to assistant may cross the line

Editor,

As a 24-year veteran of the real estate business in the East Bay I have noticed many trends in agent behavior. One in particular that has arisen recently has really gotten me concerned. I am concerned both on behalf of the public, whom we serve, as well as the professionalism and image of the brokerage community. The problem, as I see it, is the use of unlicensed assistants to perform the duties that have historically been within the domain of the agent.

Many agents are now routinely delegating tasks like attending their own listing's broker tour to an unlicensed assistant, and in the process, doing several disservices. One disservice, to their own seller, to whom they are charging a handsome fee, and not performing a vital service; two, to their fellow agents, who are then unable to get good, timely information about the listing, because an unlicensed person is there at the broker tour, and cannot say or do what the listing agent can do. They often do not know important details that the listing agent knows, and can convey in a timely fashion.

These agents are often adding insult to injury, by either being out on tour themselves, or have one or two other listings on tour the same week. Do the sellers of

these properties actually know that their agent is somewhere else, and not doing their job?...I seriously doubt it. Would clients be willing to pay a full fee to an agent who only does part of the job themselves? Again, I doubt it.

I think clients now need to ask their agent what, exactly will be handled personally by the agent, and what will be delegated to an assistant.

Some agents earn the equivalent of \$150 an hr, while paying assistants approximately \$20-30 an hour to do important tasks, during which time the listing agent may actually be out looking for new business, or serving other clients, or just out on tour with their friends.

I know that some agents will take offense at the suggestion that I criticize their attempts to streamline their business and make more money by incorporating such techniques. I disagree with this technique.

I think it cheats the client. It undermines the professionalism of the brokerage community. Fortunately, however, I know that there are still many agents who are forthcoming enough to serve our community in a way that provides value, and who really care about their clients' well being.

And to all the agents who continue to host their own broker tours, keep up the good work!

— Tim Cannon, Broker Berkeley

Maybeck

FROM PAGE B1

Reverend Joseph Worcester. Maybeck chanced to peer into the reverends' windows. He was transfixed: the home's interior was all of unpainted redwood boards.

This epiphany influence Maybeck's future designs. One can enjoy the result of Maybeck's epiphany as one steps into the Keeler home. "A wooden house should bring out all the character and virtue of wood—straight lines, wooden joinery, exposed rafters, and the wooden surface visible and left in its natural state, Maybeck insisted when he laid out his plans with Charles Keeler.

Maybeck drew on his experience at Worcester's cottage when he told Keeler that the "log cabin is picturesque because simple materials are put together in the strongest way to produce the necessary results. In its construction nothing is done merely for effect, and the beauty comes from good proportions and honest workmanship."

Maybeck disliked the dishonesty modern builders used to transform wood and "cover it all up on the inside with lath and

plaster and figured wallpaper, and on the outside with oil paint."

He was particularly appalled when the wood's design imitated stonework, and if the builders turned the wood into white painted fluted columns and millwork ornament and arches. Maybeck considered this "a cheap sham imitation of a marble palace."

Maybeck proposed to build wooden houses to which he gave wood its full value both inside and out. Once Maybeck completed the Keeler house, he attracted the interest of others. William Keith bought the corner lot below the Keeler house, but nothing was built there until after his death.

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson bought the Victorian-era house on the canyon rim and had it cov-

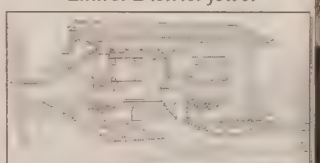
ered with shingles to on the new neighborhood.

A retired banker joined named Moody joined the The Moody's daughters organize the Hillside Out through a formal c we had been attempting formally in persuading the neighborhood to adopt the principles in architecture.

They also "succeeded" a little wooden school built for the Hillside School first time a note of artistry had been incorporated Berkeley school building.

Residents of the new city then formed the Hill As mentioned Keeler's the club's first president wrote the small book defined the new movement.

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When you analyze those successful homebuyers who have the experience to purchase the home they want for thousands of dollars below a seller's asking price, some common denominators emerge. Negotiating skills are important, but there are three additional key factors that must come into play long before you ever submit an offer.

This topic has been the subject of extensive analysis by industry experts, and a summary of their findings, and a specific step-by-step purchase plan for homebuyers can be found in a new special report called "Homebuyers: How to Save Thousands of Dollars When You Buy."

This free report outlines the psychology of how a seller sets their asking price, and gives you 3 simple steps to follow, before you even set foot in a seller's home, which will ensure you are able to successfully slash thousands of dollars off the price of the home you want.

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This report courtesy of Dave Higgins, Prudential California Realty. Not intended to solicit properties listed for sale.

Looking a look around the East Bay real estate community

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Real Estate Information
Consultant, George Johnson, offers a free buyer information workshop. The workshop is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19. The workshop is in Oakland at the OAR Auditorium in Oakland. Featured topics are: down payment, FHA loans, conventional loans. Johnson provides information on affordable housing. You must RSVP. Call 510-287-5552.

Questions Answered
The answers to many of the questions in "The Answers Class" This class is from 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 2. Senior Loan Consultant, Margie Lupo of Vintage Realty, conducts the class. To register call the "Answers Class" at 888-629-0077 x8610.

Remodeling Workshop
This free Green Remodeling Workshop will help homeowners to lower their utility bills and healthier building materials. The workshop is Thursday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The location is the Building Education Center in Berkeley. The facilitator is Greg VanMechelen of Green Architects. Each attendee receives a copy of Resilient Building Guidelines, a remodeling home in an environmentally sound manner. The County Waste Management and Recycling Board is sponsoring this event. For questions contact Program Manager, Greg VanMechelen at 510-614-1699.

Spooky Past
The Alameda Museum invites you to glimpse the spirit at

"Visit Holidays Past". View the holiday baubles at the historic Meyers House Museum and Gardens from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 8. The furnishings and decor of the Meyers House, a Colonial Revival enhance the Christmas display. For information call 510-523-5907. To find out more call 510-523-5907.

Realtors For Safe Neighborhoods

The Oakland Association has formed the "Realtors For Safe Neighborhoods" Committee. The group meets every Wednesday at OAR. The present focus is to defeat Measure EE on the November ballot. Yard and windows are available through the committee. To receive a sign or get more information contact OAR President Evelyn Walker at 510-339-4778.

MLS For All

In a historic move, three East Bay Multiple Listing Services have jointly selected a new Multiple Listing Service (MLS) technology product. It will enable agents to access all area property listings from a single database. This offers a tremendous advantage to buyers and sellers. For example, property listings in the Tri-Cities area will be easily accessed by Realtors in Oakland and vice-versa. A buyer's agent will be able to search for homes throughout the entire Bay area. A six-week training program takes place at the start of 2003. Check with your local association of Realtors for more information.

PBS HOST BOSTON SPEAKS

Kelvin Boston, host of the PBS television series Moneywise and ABC Radio's Moneywise Minute is the featured speaker at the California Association of Realtors Conference & Expo, Boston, one of America's leading financial commentators will speak at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 23. He believes "that fi-

nanacial education is the key that unlocks the doors to financial success." He is the author of the best-selling book, Smart Money Moves for African Americans. There will be a book signing immediately following his address. For more information contact L.J. Jennings at 510-444-2100.

CONFERENCE FOR REALTISTS

The California Association of Real Estate Brokers (CAREB) presents the Realtist 2002 Conference & Expo. The city of Oakland will host the statewide convention held on Oct. 23 and 24. The event takes place at the Oakland Marriott City Center & Convention Center. The theme, "Empowering Strategies for 2003" focuses on providing attendees with the tools to empower them to compete in 2003 and beyond. For questions contact Chair, L.J. Jennings at 510-444-2100 or Exhibitors Chair Monique Washington at 510-452-8280.

RE/MAX WEBSITE MULTILINGUAL

In order to serve non-English speaking home buyers and sellers RE/MAX launched RE Translate on its Web sites. Information is available in 13 languages, by clicking on a country's flag. Agents will be able to use this tool to maximize their business. Check it out at www.remax-cahi.com or www.remax-california.com.

GOV AT OAR

The California Association of Realtors and the Oakland Association of Realtors present "Your Guide To The CAR Residential Purchase Agreement". Gov Hutchinson, Assistant General Counsel of CAR is the instructor. The location is the

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Lois' real estate hints



LOIS HARRIS, REALTOR

Rover is such a sweet dog. He'd never bite anyone, you don't think. But with two or three strangers in the home his instincts tell him to protect, could sometime stretch his goodwill too far. Take him for a long walk. It will be good for him, good for you and good for the showing of your home. That's the way to sell.

Lois can be reached at 510-834-2010; voice mail 510-287-2521; e-mail Lois.Harris@PruWeb.com.

When consumer protection works against the consumer

The California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) called an emergency meeting Sept. 5. The topic was essentially, "Can we save our businesses?"

The Housing and Urban Development Dept. (HUD) released their recommendations for sweeping rule changes in the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), which defines how mortgage loan costs are disclosed to the consumer. That in itself is all well and good. We as an industry (the National Association of Mortgage Brokers) literally asked that HUD review the process and come up with recommendations that would help us police our industry from the few bad apples out there who are rip-

ping off the consumer, but I believe they have gone too far.

In trying to protect the consumer, the new rules would become anti-consumer. HUD recommends that mortgage brokers no longer be allowed payment of the yield-spread premium. That is how we make those no point, no cost loans. The wholesale lender pays the broker a rebate, deep enough so that the broker can pay all those fees. That would include the wholesale lender's fees, escrow, title, termite inspection and appraisal fees and make a little money for the mortgage broker.

No points, no cost loans are simply a matter of interest rate. As the system works now, the higher the interest, the deeper the re-



KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

bate. We are required to disclose to the borrower not only how much the rebate is, but what exactly the closing costs are that are being paid including the broker's commission.

The new rules are definitely anti-small business. The new rules do not apply to the Savings

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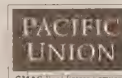
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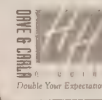
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OAR Auditorium in Oakland. This is an optional 3-hour Continuing Education Credit course. Mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 25. Registration information is available through OAR at 510-836-3000.

IT'S BEST TO INSPECT

Oakland Realtors are invited to join Oakland affiliates at the monthly Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is at 8:45, Thursday, Oct. 24, at the OAR Building. This month's speaker is **Don Dunning** of Wells & Bennett. The topic is "Why You Need Pre-sale Inspections". Bring marketing flyers and an appetite. Be a winner of one of many raffle prizes. Network more - sell more. For questions and parking information call **Ingrid Westgard** of North American Title at 510-339-2380 or **Aldee Jerome** of Fidelity National Title at 510-339-9800.

LOSING LISTINGS

Does losing listings frustrate you? Attend the "Listing Presentation Class", presented by veteran business coach and trainer **Kitty Cole**. The next class is from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23, in Berkeley. Cole teaches how to create a personal listing presentation and marketing plan. This program is viable for agents of all experience levels.

■ Cole also offers the "Busi-

ness Portfolio Workshop, on Thursday, Oct. 31, in Berkeley. The portfolio is a "Package of Credentials" needed to cement client relationships. To register for the workshops call 925-254-1900 or send e-mail to Kittybiz@aol.com.

WCR LUNCHEON

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter monthly meeting date is Friday, Oct. 18. The meeting begins with networking at 11:30. The location is the Ark at Pier 29 on 29th Avenue in Oakland (at the foot of the park Street Bridge). **Lloyd Kendall** of Lawyers Asset Management will present an overview of the 1031 Tax Exchange process. For reservations call WCR President, George Johnson of Ameristar Financial at 925-314-8314.

EARN IT ALL

Renew your real estate license. Attend and earn all 45 DRE credit hours at once. The seminar includes Agency, Ethics, Trust Funds and Fair Housing. The instructor will be "The Real Estate Guys" talk show host, **Charlie Krackeler**. Seminars are held on weekday mornings, in a variety of Bay area locations. For more information about attending to renew your license call 1-800-54-RENEW.

E-PRO COURSE

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cation program for real estate professionals. The e-PRO course was designed by Realtors for Realtors. The course is presented entirely online and certifies real estate agents and brokers as Internet Professionals. Realtors are able to complete their studies at their own pace. If you are interested in learning more visit <http://www.eProNAR.com>.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

Cheremay H. Sutton was awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation. Realtors receiving the designation have completed advanced courses and demonstrated professional expertise in the field of residential real estate. Sutton is a Sales Associate with Prudential California Realty in El Cerrito.

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Hymer

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anyone expected. So, you figure that if your neighbor's house sold high, you can list high and experience the same success.

A familiar scenario goes like this. Your neighbor listed his house last month for \$649,000. He received six offers and the listing sold for \$810,000. Since your house is roughly equivalent to your neighbor's, you decide to list for \$810,000. Rather than six offers, you receive none.

Try to find out the details of comparable sales that sold for significantly over the asking price. Was the winning bid quite a bit higher than the offers? Is so, the listing

would have sold for a lot less were it not for the one sky-high offer.

It would be more realistic to gauge the value of your home by the price that the other buyers were willing to pay. If you price your home accordingly, and buyers think your home is worth more, then they'll bid the price up. However, if you price your home according to your neighbor's sky-high sale price, you may be stuck at a price that is too high for the market.

HOME SELLER TIP: If you do over-shoot the market, lower your price quickly while the listing is still fresh in the minds of agents and their buyers. The longer you wait to lower the price of an over-priced listing, the harder it will be to rekindle enthusiasm for the property.

In an active market, where listings are selling quickly, often with

multiple offers, it's easy to see you're priced too high. If market exposure is minimal, open houses, advertising, showings activity, but you're probably over-priced, hoping that someone will come along and pay.

Don't fall prey to wishful thinking. **THE CLOSING:** A timely reduction might surprise you. A Montclair home recently listed too high for \$479,000.

Within six days, the price was reduced to \$699,000. The seller received two offers and the home sold for \$721,000.

Dian Hymer can be reached at 510-339-4777.

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& Loans and Banking Institutions on a retail level. This will eliminate competition that can only be described as anti-consumer. Especially since they have added that the broker must "guarantee" all third party fees and services and "guarantee" the interest rate for 30 days.

We give our borrowers a Good Faith Estimate of closing costs at or within a few days of application. If the mortgage broker has to guarantee all third party costs, the consumer will be restricted to doing business with a limited number of choices. As mortgage brokers, we do not set or control other businesses' fees. We cannot set rates and yet we are asked to guarantee the interest rate for 30 days!

The only way to guarantee an

interest rate is to lock the rate at application at that day's rate. What if interest rates go down and the consumer wants to play the market for the best rate? The only way to break a lock is to pull the loan package and move to another lender. That would be a fine way to destroy relations between the mortgage broker and our wholesale lenders.

The recommendations from HUD are not reflective of market reality. Mortgage brokers need to have the ability to do no cost loans to stay competitive with retail banking institutions. It could also increase the misuse of undisclosed profits by these institutions there by increasing pricing and fees to the consumer.

Professionals in the mortgage industry work hard for their clients. We assess the borrowers needs to suit them into the best mortgage

loan product for their situation. New RESPA rules are asking the consumer, you, to trust your mortgage broker because we don't require disclosure it all to you.

At the CAMB emergency meeting we all sat down and our congressmen, congressmen and senators appealing the view of the new rules, proposed rules were in July it was without any oversight.

If the proposed rules take effect Oct. 27, without real estate estimate is that 30 to 50 small mortgage brokers of business with in a year.

Karen Senzig can be reached at 510-339-8511 or by e-mail ksenzig@aol.com.

DON'T MISS THIS THIS WEEK'S OPEN HOME GUIDE ON B16.

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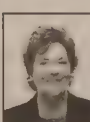
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The house stands on a double lot with over an acre of gorgeous grounds, featuring glorious gardens, long stretches of lawn and cascading waterfalls. There are five bedrooms, 3.5 baths and a state-of-the-art gourmet kitchen. This will likely be the only public open house... Prepare to Be Enchanted!

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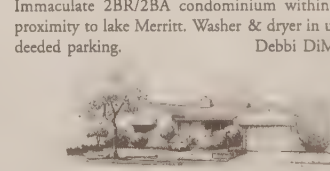


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This exceptional property features beautiful SF Bay views & tranquil outdoor spaces. Elegant master suite, modern kitchen/ family room & office. Sherry Benninger



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SAN LEANDRO. A charming bungalow. Sunny gardens, patio. Hardwood floors, formal dining, eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage. Move right in. Donna DeBardi

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3232 Calhoun St - \$400,000
1028 Central Av - \$470,500
2701 Fernside Bl - \$490,000
3264 Garfield Av - \$300,000
1208 High St - \$527,000
1518 High St - \$665,000
420 Kitty Hawk Rd - \$498,000
2426 Lincoln Av - \$170,000
1078 Mangrove Ln - \$433,000
2934 Marina Dr - \$560,000
2209 Otis Dr - \$258,000
106 Pacific Av - \$450,000
21 Regulus Ct - \$595,000
15 Sandpiper Pl - \$750,000
955 Shorepoint Ct - \$260,000
1135 Verdemar Dr - \$432,000
2839 Washington St - \$355,000
601 Willow St - \$301,000

ALBANY

555 Pierce #629 - \$290,000
555 Pierce #636 - \$268,000
555 Pierce #933 - \$299,000
702 Solano - \$350,000

BERKELEY

2130 8th St - \$370,000
1404 Blake St - \$415,000
1912 Chestnut St - \$441,000
1941 Delaware St - \$620,000
2741 Dohr St - \$410,000
1926 Francisco #1 - \$450,000
1908 Harmon St - \$390,000
2744 Mabel St - \$370,000
1350 Northside - \$453,000
1400 Oxford St - \$575,000
1843 Spruce St #4 - \$322,000
1418 Spruce St - \$1,120,000
1639 Stannage Av - \$460,000
1716 Stuart St - \$501,000
48 Tunnel Rd - \$837,000
1826 West St - \$352,000

Ready for the next 'Big One?'

■ Quake fear spurs seismic retrofitting jobs

Fears of the next big quake have people thinking about retrofitting. A free seminar for contractors on Seismic Retrofitting will take place tomorrow from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Truitt & White Lumber Company, 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley.

Jim Reyes from Simpson Strong-Tie and Rick Johnke from BMD will talk about products routinely used in seismic retrofits.

Information about the wide range of fasteners and adhesives will be presented as well as how to choose the best products for your job.

Reservations are required and refreshments will be served. Phone 510-649-2674.

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1 Captain C363 - \$257,000
6 Commodore C350 - \$315,000

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151 Ardmore Rd - \$500,000
207 Arlington Av - \$675,000
639 Coventry Rd - \$500,000
1 Willow Ln - \$605,000

OAKLAND

1342 105th Av - \$225,000
912 36th Av - \$225,000

694 44th St - \$320,000
356 49th St - \$290,000
1044 53rd St - \$550,000
967 60th St - \$230,000
1556 69th Av - \$330,000
1115 72nd Av - \$269,000
3130 73rd Av - \$377,000
1276 75th Av - \$230,000
1135 91st Av - \$230,000
1716 9th St - \$265,000
947 Appar St - \$252,000
3022 Ashbrook - \$255,000
9305 B St - \$150,000
9024 Bancroft Av - \$185,000
565 Bellevue #210 - \$595,000
5307 Boyd Av - \$604,000
6109 Buena Vista - \$970,000
180 Caldecott #108 - \$367,000
320 Caldecott #120 - \$260,000
10982 Caloden St - \$400,000
2680 Camino Lenada - \$500,000
13685 Campus Dr - \$1,150,000
491 Cavour St - \$575,000
7727 Claremont Av - \$681,000
6140 Contra Costa - \$1,303,000
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3234 Delaware St - \$304,000
5511 Dover St - \$575,000

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10401 Foothill Bl - \$289,000
3963 Forest Hill Av - \$458,000
2312 Fruitvale Av - \$395,000
2615 Fruitvale Av - \$399,000
3858 Fruitvale Av - \$427,000
9120 Golf Links Rd - \$435,000
4144 Greenwood Av - \$639,500
8073 Hansom Dr - \$526,000
5885 Harbor Dr - \$689,000
5900 Harmon Av - \$275,000
5538 Harvey Av - \$255,000
2116 Havenscourt - \$155,000
5916 Hayes St - \$120,000
468 Hudson St - \$700,000
348 Jones Av - \$245,000
1 Kelton Ct #1H - \$240,000

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Free homebuyers class

VINTAGE MORTGAGE

Buying a home is a challenging prospect in today's real estate market. Do you want to buy a home, but don't know where to start? Learn about the home buying process. Attend "The Home Buying Answers Class". This free class is held at the San Leandro Main Library, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2.

Get the answers to your home buying questions, whether you are buying for the first time or ready to move-up. Find out if you qualify for a larger home, why you really need a real estate agent and if your credit is OK. You will learn how to buy with zero "out of pocket" costs.

The facilitator is Senior Loan Consultant Margie Lupu of Vintage Mortgage. With over twenty years in the industry, Lupu understands all aspects of the home buying process. "A feeling of security is created by home ownership," said Lupu. "This class

helps the buyer make decisions and could save thousands."

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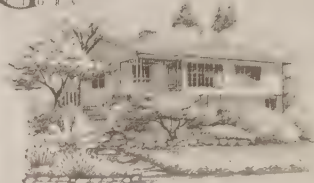
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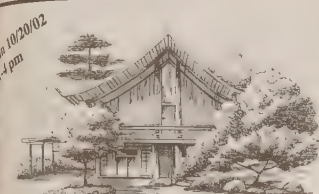
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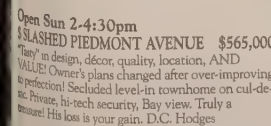
MONTCLAIR EXECUTIVE HOME \$1,075,000

Traditional elegance with modern conveniences in a custom built home on 1/3 acre. This 4600 sq. ft. home features an exquisite chef's kitchen opening to a spacious family room with built-ins. There are 5 bedrooms & 4 baths including 2 master suites, 3 fireplaces, stunning living room & dining area, cozy bath & a 3-car garage. This is a must see! Dana Cohen



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OAKLAND \$359,000

Wonderful Oakland Craftsman - formal living and dining room - fireplace, wood details, hardwood floors. Large landscaped rear yard + aprto. Must see. Jody Dworak



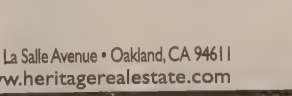
MONTCLAIR \$629,000

Bright, open Contemporary with soaring ceilings - lots of skylights and indoor-outdoor access. Loft-like design. Over 2,200 sq. ft. New roof, paint, & carpet throughout. Two-car garage. Canyon views. Steven Biasatti



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Utterly charming cottage out of Home & Garden. Bay view, beautiful landscaped level gardens all on one level. Harry Kress



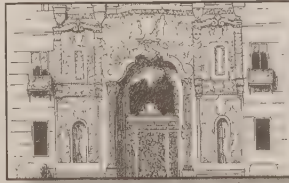
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Bright & spacious 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in Lake Merritt landmark. Amenities include beautiful parquet floors, 9' ceilings, massive wood-burning fireplace, mahogany woodwork, walk-in closets, new all-electric efficiency kitchen, 24 hr doorman/valet services & secure parking. Shown by exclusive appointment only. Tom Erwin



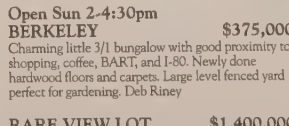
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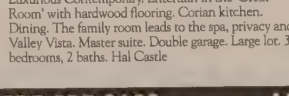
LAKE MERRITT \$533,000

Spectacular panoramic views from every room of this suave 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in famous Lake Merritt landmark. Amenities include blond parquet floors, 9' ceilings, wood-burning fireplace, formal dining room, 24 hr doorman/valet service. Shown by exclusive appointment only. Tom Erwin



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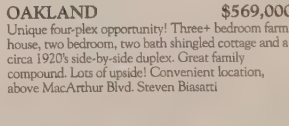
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340 GRENADINE WAY, HERCULES. Well kept home in quiet neighborhood. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage. Eight years old with lots of upgrades. Motivated sellers. A "Must See" property. \$595,000. Pres Ordinario, 510-748-1114.

6210 LAIRD AVE., OAKLAND. Single level home. 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath, large living and dining room, and 1 car garage. \$269,000. Moon Tam, 510-747-1620.

11032 NOVELDA DR., OAKLAND. Totally remodeled inside and out! Landscaped front yard leads you to your new home with 3+ bedrooms, 1 bath. \$269,000. Rich Lai, 510-748-1188.

12951 NEPTUNE DR., SAN LEANDRO. Stately vintage home that can accommodate extended family with 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, all electric kitchen, formal living & dining rooms, a great room and a family room. \$750,000. Ruth Masonek, 510-748-1101.

21422 TANGLEWOOD DR., CASTRO VALLEY. Secluded creek front property on a cul-de-sac nestled in beautiful wood area with 4+ bedrooms, 3.5 baths, beam ceilings, single level, mahogany paneling & cabinets. Mid-Century architecture. Close to BART & 580. \$620,000. Georgia Kane, 510-881-8401.

2409 PINE KNOLL DR. #3, WALNUT CREEK. Beautiful San Francisco model townhome with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, new paint, hardwood maple floors. Walking distance to the pool. Move-in condition. \$189,000. John Parten, 510-814-1115.

8975 ALCOSTA BLVD., SAN RAMON. Upper unit. One bedroom condo at the Vintner with balcony & overlooking the pool. New paint and carpeting. Convenient location. Alice Garvin, 510-748-1116.

1900 WESTERN DR., RICHMOND. 2 Floor home with water views. 2/1 & 1/1. \$165,000 and \$225,000. David McIntyre, 510-748-1111. TheMcIntyres.org.

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 \$99,000 El Toyonal, Orinda. Back on Market! Lot with 1000 sq. ft. hills. survey. 1000 sq. ft. hills. marked geotech. report completed. motivated seller. Russ Grant 614-7413

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 \$42,000 Hillmont Dr. Small lot with water view! Approx. 4400 sq. ft. Donnaluci 510-814-4826

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 \$249,000 1400 Carpenter St. Two bedroom, 2 bath condo convenient to BART, bus, and shopping. Lovely garden in courtyard with pool, spa, & clubhouse. Elevators, 1 garage space. Tere 510-814-4840

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\$299,000 14402 Outrigger Dr. OPEN SAT 2-4. Bright & airy upstairs unit with vaulted ceilings! 2bd, 2ba, inside laundry, and 2 one car garages. Appliances and ceiling fans included. Tere 510-814-4840

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\$359,000 1908 Nome St. OPEN SUN 2-4. 1 level 3 bd, 1ba, family room w/ fireplace + off st. parking, 2 car garage. Shirley 510-814-4825

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\$545,000

Nestled under the trees at the crook of the road, charming two story bungalow with 2+ bedrooms, 2 baths. Bright updated kitchen with granite and breakfast nook, dining room overlooks backyard and Montclair golf course. Walk to shops, restaurants, schools.

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New Listing in Crocker Highlands
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1445 Leonard Dr - \$330,000
581 Lewis Av - \$473,000
1147 Louise St - \$335,000
703 Majestic #32 - \$250,000
15730 Marcella St - \$360,000
985 Martin Bl - \$275,000

1225 Minerva St - \$337,500
2227 Raven Ct - \$388,000
16553 Rolando Av - \$492,000
14163 Seagate Dr - \$295,000
16076 Selborne Dr - \$360,500
15175 Swenson St - \$330,000

SAN LORENZO

16540 Kent Av - \$390,000
869 Paseo Grande - \$320,000
1749 Via Amigos - \$340,000

15833 Via Arroyo - \$359,000
17232 Via Del Rey - \$360,000
17244 Via Del Rey - \$335,000
17401 Via La Jolla - \$359,000
17358 Via Susana - \$369,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 19
LOWEST PRICE: \$170,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$750,000

MEDIAN PRICE: \$450,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$448,289

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$268,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$350,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$301,750

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 16

LOWEST PRICE: \$322,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,120,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$505,375

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TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$320,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$530,000

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1280 GRANDVIEW, OAKLAND

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\$1,799,000

OAKLAND HILLS



7272 NORFOLK RD., OAKLAND

Charming 2-year old home with Bay & Mt. Tam views. 4bd/2.5ba, sunny kitchen & family room, lots of privacy. Cul-de-sac location next to open space.

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WILSON VALLEY



4175 HOWE ST, OAKLAND

This house has the charm of an old house but it's all new inside! New kitchen appliances, new bathroom, new plumbing, electrical. Forced air heating, water heater, foundation & garage. Move right in!!

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531-7000 x204

\$589,000

NORTH OAKLAND



1084 59TH STREET, OAKLAND

Scenic blue shingle cottage with formal dining room, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, large yard and extra large 2-car garage.

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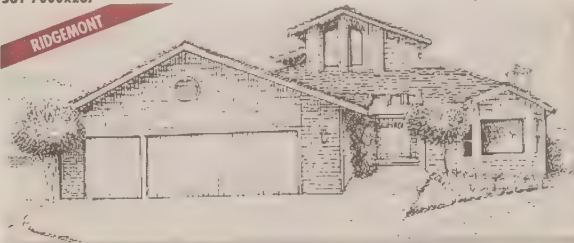
192 VILLANOVA LANE, OAKLAND

Gorgeous new construction. High in Montclair w/Bay, & canyon views. Approx. 3500 sq feet w/ 3+bdms/4baths. Fabulous gourmet kitchen. Top of the line appliances & finishes.

Wendy Callaghan
531-7000x237

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RIDGEMONT



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ADAMS POINT



367 VERNON STREET #2, OAKLAND

A rare jewel! Seldom seen Spanish Med. Luxury townhouse, 2bd/1ba, wood floors throughout, beautiful architectural detail, natural wood trim, 2 parking, F.P in living room.

Patsy Buhler
531-7000x238

\$319,000

ADAMS POINT



199 MONTECITO #209, OAKLAND

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\$589,000



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OAKLAND

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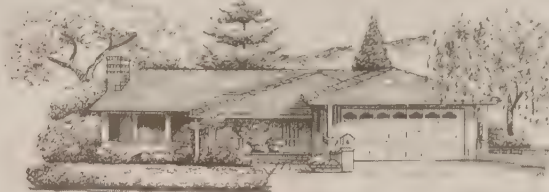


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Triplex - Fantastic views, two 2bd/1ba & 1 studio. Renovated, easy access to freeway, nice neighborhood. 5199-5203 Sacramento Avenue
Open 2-4 | Berkeley
2/1 - Great starter, convenient central location. Easy cosmetic touches will make this Craftsman shine. 2152 Sacramento Street
Open 1:30-4:30 | Berkeley Hills
2+2 - North Berkeley, views, large level yard & deck. Your TLC and upgrades will make it perfect! 769 Keeler Avenue
Open 2-4 |
| Oakland
2/1 - Contractor's special. Great house with charm and character. Possible commercial usage. 2800 Hopkins Place
Open 2-4 | Berkeley
2/1 - Great starter, convenient central location. Easy cosmetic touches will make this Craftsman shine. 2152 Sacramento Street
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Open 2-4 |



Berkeley \$239,000
1/1 Condo - Cozy, North Berkeley starter. Near Bourmet Ghetto, UC Berkeley, BART. Best deal in town! 1825 Vine Street #6
Open 2-4



Claremont \$1,195,000
4/3 - Berkeley/Oakland hills Contemporary with views of canyon & city lights! 2 years old, Must See! 7172 Buckingham
Open 2-4



Berkeley \$765,000
4-plex - Two buildings on one lot. Two 2bd/2ba, one 2bd/1ba studio. 2 vacant at close of escrow. 1911-13 Berkeley Way
Open 2-4

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| Maxwell Park, Oakland
3/2 - Bright, remodeled & upgraded! Open floor-plan. 3280 Birdsell Avenue
Open 2-4 | Berkeley
3+2.5 - New construction condo with vaulted ceilings. 1113 Hearst Avenue
Open 2-4 |
| Albany
3/1.5 - Sunny bungalow close to Solano & school. 920 Neilson
Open 2-4 | Berkeley
Home+offices - Classic home converted to mixed use. 1512 Walnut Street
Open 2-4 |
| Berkeley
3/2 - Spacious house on quiet, attractive street. 2422 Jefferson Avenue
Open 2-4 | El Cerrito
3/1 - Spacious & sunny; large yard with garden cottage. 1038 Liberty Street
Open 2-4 |
| Oakland
2/1 - Sunny bungalow with hardwoods, EIK & garden. 3712 Brookdale Avenue
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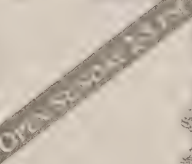


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Piedmont Side of Montclair

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Magnificent estate circa 1926 is located on a spectacular almost one acre secluded lot offers commanding views of San Francisco, the Bay and more. Old world charm and details fill the grand scale foyer leading to the wood paneled library, large living and dining rooms and cozy breakfast room. Ascend the majestic staircase to the second level with four bedrooms and two plus baths and a gracious loggia draped in wisteria. Third level features 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and great attic room. TRULY EXTRAORDINARY

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4165 Masterson Street, Oakland

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4BR/4.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331

REDMONT \$1,525,000
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MONTCLAIR \$1,495,000
GWIN RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Gorgeous all level newer home on a level lot. w/unsurpassed SF Bay views.
4BR/4BA, media rm & library. Teri Cardise x1305

CLAREMONT PINES \$1,150,000
ACACIA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Monterey Colonial. 4+BR/3.5BA. Master suite. Formal dining & living rms. w/level-out to private patio & garden.
Detached garage. Roselle Woods x1324

BERKELEY \$1,100,000
TUNNEL RD. (Open 2-4:30)
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4BR/2BA. Bob & Carolyn Nelson x1345

ROCKRIDGE HIGHLANDS \$925,000
WRESTLE GLEN RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Beautiful 4+BR/2+BA Traditional on a level street. Central hall floor plan.
3 car rm, sunroom, home office, pool & more. Michelle Miller x1335

MONTCLAIR \$865,000
ASPINWALL RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Well-designed 3BR/2BA home built in 1997. Peaceful retreat surrounded by oak trees. Canyon & bay views! Decks & side yard. Big lot. Leslie Easterday x1363

REDMONT PINES \$850,000
MOUNTAIN GATE WY. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Upgraded Traditional w/original character. 4BR/2.5BA, formal dining, sunroom, remodeled kitchen, family rm & game room. Extra large lot. Charlotte Boyle x1370

BERKELEY \$779,000
CRYSTAL WAY (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Close to Rose Garden & Lakeside Park. Wonderful 3+BR/2+BA w/2nd floor. Mediterranean. Delightful sunroom, w/updated kitchen. Leslie Easterday x1363

OAKMORE \$769,000
LEWERT BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Fabulous 4BR/2BA w/family rm & home office! Remodeled kitchen & updated baths. Lush lawns & gardens. Lori Miller x1330

MONTCLAIR \$729,000
KEETER DR. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 3BR/2+BA custom 1994 home. Filtered canyon & bay views.
Detached garage leads to deck & patio. Helen Hirsch x1356 & Charlotte Boyle x1370

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MONTCLAIR \$729,000
CORTEZ CT. (Open 2-4:30)
Open, airy contemporary style home on large, mostly level lot. Bay views!
3+BR/2BA. Ann Nichols x1319



HADDON HILL \$725,000
HADDON RD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! 1925 Traditional 4BR/3.5BA home. Large FDR, family room, French doors, 3 fireplaces & beautiful details. Possible in-law. Kathy Flynn x1317

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$719,000
BALFOUR AVE. (Open 2-5)
Spacious 4+BR/1.5BA Traditional w/craftsman details. Built-in w/leaded glass, sunroom & great yard. Gorgeous! Vicki Woodhead x1334

ROCKRIDGE \$650,000
MILES AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Totally restored classic craftsman. 2+BR/1BA. FDR w/built-ins; hardwood flrs, huge flat yard. Near BART & Market Hall. Jeanine Weller x1329

ROCKRIDGE \$645,000
HUDSON ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Two story shingle on tree lined street. 4+bedrooms, 2+ baths. Lots of extra space. Francis Heath x1357

RIDGEMONT \$619,000
STONERIDGE CT. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Tranquil S.Bay & canyon views. 3BR/2.5BA, eat-in kitchen, family room, formal dining room, large level yard. Robyn Mohr x1310

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$595,000
MANDALAY RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Large 4BR/4BA home in great neighborhood. Big master suite, spacious eat-in kit, attached garage. Near Village Market & schools. Leslie Easterday x1363

Open Sunday

ROCKRIDGE \$575,000
MANOR CREST (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Absolutely adorable 2BR/1BA Traditional. Beautifully updated. Fabulous level-out yard. Near College Ave. Patricia Scott Winslow x1315

ROCKRIDGE \$559,000
BROADWAY (Open 2-4:30)
Reduced in Rockridge! Sunny 3BR/1+BA craftsman gem! Gorgeous oversized living rm/formal dining w/original woodwork & blt-ins. Eat-in kit, garage. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$559,000
ALMA PL. (Open 2-4:30)
Wonderful sunny 3BR/2BA Traditional w/original details. Living rm w/fireplace. FDR, breakfast rm, deck & level yard. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

EL CERRITO \$539,000
FAIRVIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Stunning pano view home, 2+BR/2BA, huge family room, updated kitchen, 2 decks & private patio. 2-car garage. Joanna Gould x1346



MONTCLAIR \$529,000
BLAIR AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Adorable English cottage w/beautiful garden on the Piedmont side of Montclair. 2BR/1BA, filtered view. Kathleen Callahan x1343

GLENVIEW \$495,000
GREENWOOD AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Glenview Traditional. 4+BR/2BA. Remodeled kitchen & baths, formal dining room. Fritz Hochellner x1348

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$469,000
NORWOOD AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Light & spacious 2BR/2BA home in desirable neighborhood. Hardwood floors throughout. Near Lakeshore & Glenview shopping. Nancy Moore x1302

Open Sunday

ROCKRIDGE BORDER \$449,000
DESMOND ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Bright & sunny 3BR/2BA bungalow. FDR w/built-ins. Hardwood floors. Eat-in country kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

OAKLAND HILLS \$410,000
CALDECOTT LN #327 (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Wonderful condo. 2BR/2BA & separate loft. Shows well. Francis Heath x1357

SAN LEANDRO \$389,000
JOAQUIN AVE. (Open 1-4)
Sunny & charming 2BR/2BA Traditional w/split-level floor plan. FDR, eat-in kitchen, new interior paint. Large yard w/patio & fruit trees. Michelle Miller x1335

OAKLAND \$366,000
BUENA VENTURA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Spacious 2-level home. 2BR/1BA up, 2BR/1BA down. Mills College area. Needs TLC. Joan Hause x1358

MILLSMONT \$349,000
OUTLOOK AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Light & airy sophisticated 2BR/1BA with stunning bay views. Michelle Vasey x1359

OAKLAND HILLS \$329,000
CALDECOTT LN #118 (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Sparkling 2BR/2BA unit. Fireplace. Master suite, 2 balconies. Washer & dryer in unit. Community pool & gym. Robyn Mohr x1310



SAN LEANDRO \$329,000
CROSBY ST. (Open 1-4)
Charming Washington Manor. 2BR/1BA, large level yard, beautiful hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen & easy access to freeways. Joanna Hirsch x1366

Open Sunday

LAUREL \$319,000
MASTERSON ST. (Open 2-4:30)
Adorable bungalow style 2BR/1BA updated home. Skylights in living room & kitchen. Level front & rear yard. Detached garage. Diane Earl McCan x1352

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$299,000
DAVENPORT AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Contractor's special! 2BR/1BA on large lot w/2-car garage. In great area. Dick Cohen x1308

By Appointment

MONTCLAIR \$1,585,000
Wonderful "courtyard" design. Fabulous Bay & San Francisco view. 4BR/3+BA, den and large kit/fam rm. Francis Heath x1357

MONTCLAIR \$1,049,000
Striking level-in contempor. on almost 1/3 acre level lot. Wonderful fir pin w/4+BR/4+BA, gorgeous master suite, level yard, 3-car garage & city views. Fritz Hochellner x1348

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$699,000
Updated Normandy with classic period details. Spacious public rooms, great plus spaces and private yard. 3+BR/2BA. Teri Cardise x1305

MONTCLAIR \$668,000
Montclair haven. 4BR/3BA, luxurious master suite w/private deck & hot tub. Approx 2800sf. & 3-car garage. Nancy Moore x1302

KENSINGTON \$558,000
Delightful 3+BR/2BA home in serene garden setting w/lovely bay views and versatile two-room suite. Gini Erck x1339

POINT RICHMOND \$550,000
Fabulous 3+BR/2.5BA home! 2 fireplaces, solarium, spacious master suite. Quaint village. Leslie Gordon x1327

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$539,000
2BR/1BA Traditional split-level on cul-de-sac. FDR, living rm w/fireplace, eat-in kit, yard. Near shopping. Francis Heath x1357

PIEDMONT AVE. \$529,000
Beautiful 3+BR/2BA bungalow w/updated kit w/breakfast rm, large living rm w/fireplace & formal dining area. Master w/French doors to yard. Kathy Flynn x1317

GLENVIEW \$475,000
Duplex on quiet cul-de-sac. Two 2BR/1BA units. Wonderful setting. Francis Heath x1357

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$449,000
Spacious 3BR/2BA w/master suite, living rm w/built-ins, fam rm off kitchen. Enclosed sunroom & patio. Diane Earl McCan x1352

ROSE GARDEN \$269,000
Sunny corner unit w/spacious patio, 2BR/2BA, new carpeting & interior paint, double paneled windows. Amenities include pool, spa & parking. Michelle Miller x1335

BERKELEY LOT \$250,000
1281 Campus Drive. Gentle upslope in sought-after North Berkeley location w/SF view. Nancy Norman x1373

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Sales

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MEDIAN PRICE: \$481,000
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EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$170,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$257,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$349,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$315,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$307,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$500,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$675,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$570,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 90
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,303,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$422,456

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$884,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 28
LOWEST PRICE: \$203,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$509,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$332,411

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 27

LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$536,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$360,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$381,037

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$320,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$390,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$354,000

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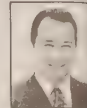
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EL CERRITO, 697 Fairview Dr. \$575,000
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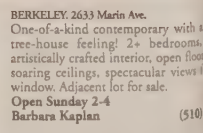
EL CERRITO, 701 Seaview Dr. \$545,000
One level and walking distance to Plaza BART. Only the second time on the market, this mid-century modern home was designed by award-winning architect Roger Lee. Gorgeous views, beautiful gardens, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a large family room.
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EL CERRITO, 1007 Liberty Court \$359,000
This great home has 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, beautiful hardwood floors & private deck w/hot tub. Double-paned windows in the bedrooms, fireplace in living room, large kitchen & attached garage.
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ALBANY, 545 Pierce St. #2107 \$309,000
Quiet condo with 2 master suites and 2 parking spaces. Owner-installed parquet floors in living room, bathroom vinyl floors; all electrical outlets upgraded. Albany schools. Walking distance to Pacific East Mall.
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MARINA BAY-RICHMOND, 806 Commodore \$525,000
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BERKELEY, 175 Avenida Dr. \$729,000
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Luanne Warner (510) 559-1444 x29



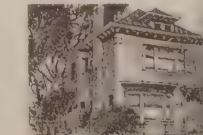
OAKLAND, 3726 Linwood Ave. \$579,000
Exceptional Glenview Traditional! 4br/1.5ba. Lovingly restored, keeping original character intact. Energy efficient upgrades. Large custom kitchen including fine cherry cabinetry. Built-ins. Mature garden with many fruit trees. Pick apples while relaxing in the hot tub! Easy access to transportation and much more!
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RICHMOND ANNEX, 5717 Fresno Ave. \$379,000
Charming 2+ bedroom Richmond Annex home with spacious floor plan and perfect home office. Living room with beamed, vaulted ceiling. Kitchen with breakfast nook. French doors off the dining area to side patio & great yard!
Open Sunday 2-4
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EL CERRITO, 2030 Junction Ave. \$349,000
Fabulous, sunny updated! This 2 bedroom, one bath is in terrific condition. Located only a little more than a block from Del Norte BART. Terraced yard with views.
Open Sunday 2-4
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BERKELEY, 2841 Forest Ave. \$525,000
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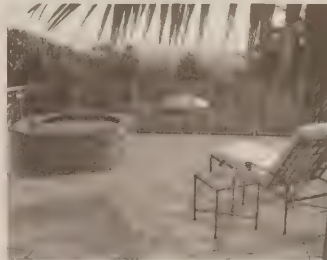


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BERKELEY
SUN. 1:30-4:30 1186 Euclid Ave.
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JOAQUIN MILLER
SUN. 2-5 3452 Robinson Dr.
3 BR 2 BA Built in 1940, this delightful home on approx. 25 acre features beamed ceilings, HWF, & Knotty Pine family room; private yard w/ brick patio.
Darcy Diamantini...510.339.4700

REDWOOD HEIGHTS
SUN. 2-5 4308 Gregory St.
3 BR 2 BA Sunny property features HWF, 2 fireplaces, family room & formal dining; updated kitchen & baths, dual-pane windows, deck plus level fenced yard.
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LINCOLN HEIGHTS
SUN. 2-5 4030 Rhoda
3 BR 2 BA Lovely level home in great location; large enclosed sun room, office, freshly painted interior, HWF, newer kitchen appliances, large level yard.
Becky Andersen...510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR
SUN. 2-4:30 2 West Circle
3 BR 2 BA Opportunity time! Montclair fixer in wonderful private setting overlooking trees; super easy access to freeway & shops.
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OAKLAND
SUN. 2-4:30 4066 Huntington St.
2 BR 2 BA Located in Oakland's warm belt. Located between 2 major freeways. Terrific back yard! 2 car garage with interior access. Hardwood floors and more.
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OPEN SUNDAY

BERKELEY
SUN. 2-4 2204 Bonar St.
2 BR 1 BA Charming bungalow. Refinished hardwood floors, dining room & triple 2 car garage has artist studio potential.
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KENSINGTON
SUN. 2-4:30 610 Beloit Ave.
3 BR 3 BA Only 12 years old, Irig home (over approx 2700 sq ft) has a great flow of space. Large study w/ fireplace. Cathedral ceilings & terrific kitchen w/ island.
Diane Verducci...510.486.1495

THE HIGHLANDS
SUN. 2-4:30 7112 Westmoreland
4 BR 3.5 BA Fabulous new construction w/ South Bay views, quality finishes; formal living & dining, gourmet kitchen w/ granite counters; great cul-de-sac location.
David Eckert...510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR
SUN. 2-4:30 6154 Mazuela Dr.
4 BR 3.5 BA New construction in planned community, Bay & San Francisco view; soaring ceilings, slate surfaced decks, formal dining, fireplace.
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MONTCLAIR
SUN. 2-5 6629 Exeter Dr.
4 BR 4 BA Piedmont Pines. Fabulous 4-year-old home, great separation of space w/ home theatre & sunny canyon views, refined detailing throughout.
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS
SUN. 2-4:30 4325 Terrabella Way
4 BR 3 BA Spacious & Sunny contemporary features Bay views, HWF, dual-pane windows, fireplaces in the master suite & the living room, kitchen/family room.
Lydia Naye...510.339.4700

CROCKER
SUN. 2-5 747 Calmar Ave.
3 BR 1 BA Lovingly cared for 1925 Traditional, FDR, breakfast room, HWF, fireplace, wooden-sash windows, inviting front garden, nice hill view, near shops.
Ruby Ng...510.339.4700

OAKLAND
SUN. 2-4:30 1 Kelton Ct.
1 BR 1 BA Fab cozy corner unit nr Piedmont Ave. Complete designer redo! Nu kitchenless steel/tuscan tiles, bit-ins galore, updated bath, elec tp. Balcony & vis.
Sarah Shankman...510.486.1495

BY APPOINTMENT

CLAREMONT HILLS
SUN. 2-4:30 4325 Terrabella Way
4 BR 3 BA Spacious & Sunny contemporary features Bay views, HWF, dual-pane windows, fireplaces in the master suite & the living room, kitchen/family room.
Lydia Naye...510.339.4700

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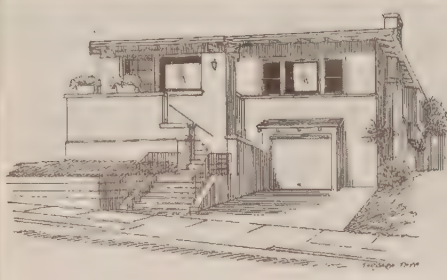
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965 Shorepoint Ct #315 1 + 80/1BA 2-4 \$233,000
Open Sunday Harbor Bay Realty
Marilyn Schumacher 510-814-4708

2058 Central Ave 4 + 2/1 2-4 \$200,000
Open Sunday Alameda Realty
Carol Burnett 510-865-7648

ALBANY Address & Realty Size Hours Price
1034 Curtis Street 380/2BA Sun 2-4 \$575,000
The Grubb Co John & Judith Ruffalo 510-832-2133

920 Neilson 380/1 + Sun 2-4 \$495,000
RED OAK, Edna, 510-862-8489

942 Cerrito St 2 + 7/1BA Sun 2-4 \$359,950
Security Pacific, Carl Dezza, 510-862-8558

545 Pierce St #2107 280/1BA Sun 2-4 \$309,000
Prudential, Stephanie Jones, 510-888-1400

1036 Mount St 2 + 7/1BA Sun 2-4 \$359,950
Security Pacific, Carl Dezza, 510-862-8558

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21422 Tanglewood Dr 4 + 80/2.5 2-4 \$880,000
Open Sunday, www.gallagherandlindsey.com
Gallagher & Lindsey George Kane 510-881-8461

18785 Parsons St 2 + 7/1BA Sun 2-4 \$398,000
Prudential-Montclair, Michael Stephens, 510-338-8290

CONCORD Address & Realty Size Hours Price
2033 Sierra Rd #1 280/1.5 Sun 1-4 \$198,000
Prudential-Montclair, Norma de la Santa, 510-338-8290

EL CERRITO Address & Realty Size Hours Price
8513 Buckingham Dr 380/2 + Sun 2-4 \$790,000
Marilyn Gardens, Herman Sun, 510-558-2329

671 Fairview Dr 280/1.5 Sun 2-5 \$770,000
Marilyn Gardens, Kim Welch, 510-558-2329

701 Seaview Dr 380/2BA Sun 2-4 \$645,000
Marilyn Gardens, Kim Welch, 510-558-2329

2618 Ellershorst Ave 380/2BA Sun 2-4 \$538,000
Security Pacific, Carla Dezza, 510-862-8558

6946 Fairview Dr. 1 + 80/2BA Sun 2-4 \$538,000
El Pacific Union Joanna Gould 510-338-1348

7320 Waldo Lane 3 + 7/2BA Sun 1-4 \$638,880
Invent Co, Anna Lee, 510-215-7538

5931 Central Avenue 4 + 80/2BA Sun 2-4 \$448,000
The Grubb Co Ed Kim 510-338-9400

5939 Morris Ave 280/1.5 Sun 2-4 \$438,950
Security Pacific, Carla Dezza, 510-862-8558

1038 Liberty St 280/1BA Sun 2-4 \$390,000
RED OAK, Tim, 510-280-2144

2030 Junction Ave 280/1BA Sun 2-4 \$378,000
Marilyn Gardens, Juliana Wynn, 510-558-1444 331

6322 Hill St 2 + 7/1BA Sun 2-4 \$378,000
Prudential California Realty, Demetrius Wilson, 510-834-2010

1515 Liberty St 280/1BA Sun 2-4 \$369,500
Security Pacific, James Lake, 510-862-8487

1007 Liberty Ct 280/1BA Sun 2-4 \$369,500
Marilyn Gardens, Heather Thornton, 510-558-3044

1708 Lexington Ave #3 280/1BA Sun 2-4 \$340,000
Prudential CA Realty, 510-851-8886

EL SOBRANTE Address & Realty Size Hours Price
925 N. Rancho Rd 380/2BA Sun 2-4 \$468,000
Security Pacific, James Lake, 510-862-8487

5849 Nottingham Dr 480/2BA Sun 1-5 \$348,500
Security Pacific, James Lake, 510-862-8487

656 Manor Road 280/2BA Sun 2-4 \$329,777
Security Pacific, Leslie Dops, 510-338-2383

5060 Hilltop Dr. 280/1BA 2-4 \$285,000
Open Sunday, C21 Heritage R.E. Donald Pelay 510-338-6180 1214

EMERYVILLE Address & Realty Size Hours Price
5838 Occidental St 480/2BA Sun 2-4 \$428,000
Thompson Properties, Colleen Larkin, 510-848-1950 1240

1366 34th St 1 + 7/1.5 12-6 \$389,000
Open Sunday Harbor Bay Realty Kathleen Hirsch 510-814-4708

2912 Adelino St 380/2BA 2-4 \$358,500
Prudential California Realty Jessica Yap 510-337-8970

1004 39th St 1 + 7/1BA Sun 1-4 \$328,000
Prudential CA Realty, Wes Thra, 510-888-1400

HERCULES Address & Realty Size Hours Price
186 S. Wildwood 3 + 7/2.5 1-4 \$380,000
Village Park, Open Sunday, Better Homes Angela Ross 510-339-8400

5444 Estates Dr 480/2BA, 1-4 \$729,000
Marilyn Gardens, Open Sat, Richards Realty, Pat Richards, 925-372-3311

663 Haddon Rd 480/3.5BA Sun 2-4 \$725,000
Haddon Hill Kathy Flynn 510-338-1317

3701 Balfour Ave 4 + 7/1.5BA Sun 2-5 \$719,000
Pacific Union Vicki Woodhead 510-338-1334

6223 Ridgmont 380/2.5BA Sun 2-4 \$699,000
Prudential California Realty, Tara Banks, 510-834-2010

10718 Fairbrook Way 380/2BA Sun 2-4 \$699,000
Wayne/Reiss, 510-636-0606

6135 Skyline Blvd 4 1/2 + 7/1BA Sun 2-4 \$699,000
Sydney Hession Prudential CA Realty 925-453-5174

105 Sonja 2 + 7/1.5BA Sun 2-4 \$670,000
Sonja Properties, Glass/Sabine, 510-829-5555

6817 Alken Dr. 380/2BA 2-4 \$669,000
Marilyn Gardens, Open Sunday, C21 Heritage R.E. Hal Costello 510-338-9778

5863 Miles Ave 2 + 7/1BA Sun 2-4 \$650,000
Pacific Union Jeanine Waller 510-338-1329

4016 Kansas St 480/2BA Sun 2-4 \$649,000
Prudential-Montclair, Howard Cowens, 510-338-8290

4100 Rhoda Ave 3 + 80/3BA Sun 2-4 \$649,000
Lincoln Heights Assist-2-Sell Howard Kane 510-830-4330

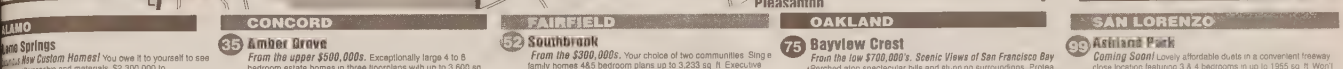
743 Stratford Rd 280/1.5BA Sun 2-4 \$649,000
Open Sunday Anthony Associates Tom Anthony 510-834-2300

1000 Galvin St 480/2BA Sun 2-4 \$645,000
Barley Hills Realty, Arlene Becker, 510-824-8889 119

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1 Hourly Semi-Annual (Annex) Type	30' x 4'	8:00-9:00	\$675.00	5717 Fresno Ave Marvin Daniels, Juliana Wyndberg, 500-599-4444	2 + 1/2 500-544-4444	30' x 12' Sun 2-4:30	\$180.00	4600 Olive Ct Prudente, Andrew Szueman, 500-886-1488	284 W. Broadmoor Shirley California Realty, John Bell, 500-814-2010	30' x 12' Sun 1-4	\$382.00	2006 Marina Ct. Marina Open Spacing, 500-886-1488	30' x 12' Sun 2-4:30	\$369.00	14402 Outrigger Open Spacing, 500-886-1488	280' x 30' 500-886-1488

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47 Riva Vista

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properly operating smoke detectors and carbon-monoxide detectors. Many years ago building code required only one smoke detector in a home. Today, a smoke detector is required in each bedroom and on every level of a home.

A carbon-monoxide detector is not a requirement, though the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends that every home with fuel-burning appliances — including fireplaces — be equipped with at least one.

If your home doesn't have smoke detectors, install them. If you have only one, such as in a hallway, install others in all bedrooms and in a central location on every floor of your home. A smoke detector is inexpensive and easy to install. A screw-

driver, ladder and 15 minutes is about all you'll need. The same holds true for carbon-monoxide detectors.

You can have a dozen smoke detectors and still end up with little or no protection. Recent studies have revealed that smoke detectors that are 10 years old, or older, have a high rate of failure and should be replaced.

A poorly maintained or dirty smoke detector is useless. Use a vacuum with an upholstery brush to prevent dust and dirt from building up in the mechanism. Test the device's detector and alarm monthly to ensure that they both are working properly. The test button on the detector tests the alarm only. Striking three wooden kitchen matches, blowing them out and allowing the smoke to waft up toward the unit will test the detector. Another means of testing a detector is with an aerosol spray that simu-

lates smoke. Change batteries at least twice annually, and more often, if necessary.

Carbon monoxide is the number-one cause of poisoning deaths in America. A CO detector is as easy or, in some cases, easier to install than a smoke detector. It can be battery operated, hardwired, permanently installed or can sit on a shelf or tabletop.

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3046 Revere. New listing! Charming 2+BR/1BA Tudor bungalow w/rose lined walk and private yard.

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Section C

PREP FOOTBALL



OWEN GOLDSTROM leaps over Encinal's Pretis Jackson to recover a fumble during the Yellow Jackets' 58-0 victory.

JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

Encinal is no match for Berkeley

By Pete Elman
CORRESPONDENT

When coach Jack Schram said it couldn't get any worse, the winless Encinal High School football team, it did — remarkably. In the Alameda Contra Costa League contest Friday at Berkeley, the undefeated Berkeley Yellow Jackets (4-0, 2-0 ACCAL) overwhelmed the Jets (0-3, 0-0). Veteran Berkeley observers said this was the largest margin of victory for the Jackets squad that they can remember.

Jackets put up 49 points, 35 of them coming in the second quarter.

On their first possession the Yellow Jackets took only two plays to get into the end zone, the touchdown coming on a nifty 51-yard off-tackle end-around by swift senior wide receiver Sean Young, who had a big night, racking up 235 yards on total offense and three scores.

"Sean's speed was devastating today," said Bissell afterward. The Jets, undermanned and undersized, never had a chance. They could not muster any offense against the bigger, faster and more experienced Berkeley team. Encinal junior quarterback Drew Dozier had an evening he'd like to forget, throwing five interceptions and completing but one pass, a 12-yarder to his

brother Danny.

"We couldn't run effectively, and passing was a nightmare," Schram said.

Two early fumbles by Encinal set up the Young score and a 24-yard touchdown run by Berkeley fullback Aaron Boatwright. It was 14-0 and the Berkeley defense, led by outstanding senior middle linebacker Owen Goldstrom, went to work.

Bissell, who played linebacker at Berkeley High (class of 1991) was pleased with the effort, "Our defense has been outstanding every game," he said.

At the outset of the second period Berkeley safety Chris Watson picked off a pass and returned it to the Berkeley 42. After a couple of first downs, quarterback Desallines Gant ran in from the 1-yard line to increase the

lead to 21-0.

A fine kick return by Drew Dozier gave the Jets good field position at midfield, but once again the Yellow Jackets stepped in front of a pass, this time Goldstrom returning it for an apparent touchdown, only to have it called back by a clipping penalty.

On the ensuing series Gant fumbled a snap into the arms of Jets defensive tackle Jason Walker, but Goldstrom, who was everywhere, picked off another pass.

The Yellow Jackets immediately capitalized when Young took the handoff from Gant on another end-around, breaking several tackles en route to a dazzling 44-yard touchdown.

A two-point conversion pass from holder Jeff Spellman to Robert Young made the score 29-

0, and the rout was on.

On the Jets' next possession Dozier went back to pass under pressure, and as he was hit the ball went up in the air. Berkeley linebacker Emeka Echebulu picked it off and sprinted 34 yards to the end zone to make it 35-0.

A second pick by Watson gave the Jackets the ball deep in Jets' territory, and five plays later sophomore halfback Antoine Cokes scored on a 10-yard run up the middle. The Jackets were up 42-0 with 3:05 to go in the half.

To add insult to injury, with 30 seconds remaining in the first half the speedy Young caught a slant over the middle and outran the Jets secondary en route to a

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Crittty Albany scores three late TDs, pulls out 47-36 win

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The Albany High School football team never gave up. The host Cougars trailed 28-13 at halftime and were behind the Braves by 14-7 at the end of the third quarter. But Albany scored three touchdowns in the last 3:07 of the nonleague game to shock Tomales 47-36.

a good way to win, actually. It shows we have a lot of heart."

After a 15-point halftime deficit, Albany (2-3) drew closer on touchdown passes by Harold Lueders to Zeine Gamal for 36 yards and to Brad Phelps for 19 yards. But Tomales (3-2) answered with an 80-yard drive, capped by a 49-yard touchdown run by Kenneth Cornett. A two-point conversion pass from Jay Borodic to Ricky Pivalar gave the Braves a 36-26 lead with 4:44 left. On the ensuing kickoff, Albany's Matt Ball took a reverse

77 yards into the end zone, but a penalty negated the score and put the ball on the Tomales 26.

The setback didn't faze the Cougars. Lueders converted a 13-yard, fourth-down pass to Gamal to keep the drive alive. Phelps ended the drive with a 3-yard run. Albany drew to within three at 36-33 on a PAT by Garin Hecht, who converted all four Cougars PATs in the fourth quarter.

The Cougars' Andrew Koenig

recovered a fumble on the Tomales 28 with 2:00 left, and Lueders immediately found Ball for a 28-yard touchdown pass. Ball made the catch just past the line of scrimmage, juiced a defender and sprinted down the left sideline for the score.

On the kickoff, Hecht recovered a Tomales fumble on the Braves 32. The Cougars then kept the ball on the ground, with Phelps plowing his way into the end zone on a 13-yard run with 1:08 remaining. Tomales' last

drive ended with an interception by Albany's Tom Cobe.

Oakland Tech 32, St. Mary's 32: The Panthers (1-3-1) blew a 20-point lead but managed to hold on for a tie Friday in Oakland.

The Bulldogs' Marshawn Lynch ran for the tying touchdown from 5 yards out with 2:50 left in the game.

But a false start on Oakland Tech's PAT attempt moved the

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Alameda survives late El Cerrito surge too hold on for victory

By Orlando Molina
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — What looked like a blowout almost turned into a tie Friday as the Alameda High School football team almost overcame a 21-point lead by beating El Cerrito 28-21 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League play.

through a sea of green for a 75-yard touchdown run.

The Hornets then made it a 28-7 advantage when Tavis Ve'e capped a seven-play drive with a 4-yard touchdown run up the middle to open the fourth quarter.

But the Gauchos (2-3, 1-1), who would not quit, responded on their next possession. They marched 50 yards on four plays, culminated by Norman Shaifer's 20-yard touchdown run along the left sideline.

With 6:37 left to play, El Cerrito scored again to cut the lead to seven when Tyron Johnson stepped in front of a Tom Gay pass and returned it 30-yards for

a touchdown. Shaifer's two-point conversion narrowed the gap to 28-21, but the Hornets defense stiffened to protect the lead.

As the Gauchos drove to the Alameda 37 for the possible tying score, Mark Gillman stole back the momentum picking off Randy Gatewood's pass and took it 28 yards to the El Cerrito 35.

The Hornets almost gave the lead away, however, while trying to eat up the clock. On second-and-11 at the Gauchos 40, Gay threw a pass intended for Dimitri Dusheyko, which instead went in and out of the hands of Mario Cox with nothing but open estate in his path.

After dodging that bullet, the

drive stalled, giving the Gauchos one last shot with 40.6 seconds left in regulation. But two false start penalties forced the Gauchos to start the drive at their own 17.

Faced with having to move the ball 83 yards in less than a minute, Gatewood went for it all on the first play. He dropped back and heaved a deep floating pass, which was promptly picked off by Ve'e to end it.

Early on, it looked like a shoot-out was in the works as both teams struck for scores on their opening drives.

El Cerrito opened the scoring, moving the ball 74 yards on 11 plays to set up Shaifer's 7-yard

jaunt for a quick 7-0 lead.

But the Hornets struck back with a lengthy 17-play drive of their own for 76 yards. From the Gauchos' 1-yard-line, Gay called his own number and scored on a quarterback keeper to tie it at 7-7.

Alameda eventually took the lead for good when in the second quarter when a Shaifer fumble at his own 11 set up a quick two-play drive ending in Ve'e's second touchdown from 2 yards out to make it 14-7 Hornets.

Ve'e led the Hornets with 17 carries for 59 yards and two touchdowns. And Gay completed 10 of 19 passes for 85 yards.

BSAL NOTEBOOK

Final race could be spectacular

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

The Piedmont and St. Mary's cross country teams engaged in an early season duel at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland on Oct. 10 and if the race results from this meet are any indication, the Bay Shore Athletic League championships, scheduled for this same site on Nov. 7, should be something.

The Highlanders' girls team, despite Gabriela Rios-Sotelo of St. Mary's finishing first in 23 minutes, 34 seconds, beat the Panthers 23-36. Piedmont runners took the next three places and that clinched it.

Jehan Sparks of Piedmont was the second in 23:58 and Marie Lindquist was third in 24:32. Alli Rowe was fourth at 24:33 before Emily Olsen broke the string by finishing fifth in 24:41.

The boys competition was extremely close, with the Highlanders winning 27-28.

Sandino Moya-Smith of Piedmont won the race in 20:29, but two St. Mary's runners — Scott Howard and Tino Rodriguez — finished second and third. Howard ran 20:45 and Rodriguez was right behind in third at 20:46.

Nick Rauschenbush of Piedmont was fourth in 20:55 and

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ACCAL NOTEBOOK

Hornets not happy with competition

By Orlando Molina
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Alameda High School girls cross country team has been on a roll all season long, taking the last two Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League meets in convincing fashion. Unfortunately, those same wins have been a little too convincing, even by the Hornets' standards.

The reason for the dissatisfaction comes from the alarming lack of competition at the varsity level, which practically has handed the Hornets a victory even before the race has begun.

In the Sept. 25 league opener, the girls varsity race consisted of only 12 runners, with nine coming from Alameda. Two weeks later, on Oct. 10, things got worse. The Hornets were handed a victory without having faced a single runner from another school.

The win raised Alameda's ACCAL record to 6-0, but Hornets coach Brian Lodge was not feeling like a big winner.

"There's nothing to get hyped up about when you win a league championship by just showing up and running," he said. "It doesn't get them pumped up to run."

In addition, the lack of competition also makes dual meets an impossibility.

"Dual meets are out of the question. There aren't enough kids to have a race worth while," Lodge said.

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DECK

Football

Alameda at Hercules, 7 p.m. — This is a battle of underdog teams as the Titans (3-1) host their first varsity home game against powerful Berkeley (4-0), which has outscored its opponents 91-6 in two

showed some offensive firepower in a 28-21 loss to Alameda last Friday, but they will have to contend with a Spartans' running attack which produced 344 yards against De Anza. Three Pinole Valley players rushed for 98 yards or more in the 35-20 win.

JC football

Contra Costa at De Anza, 1 p.m. Saturday — After a bye week, the Comets will take on the Dons, who are 1-4 after a 45-38 overtime loss to

Sierra last week.

Girls golf

BSAL tournament, Blue Rock GC, Vallejo, noon Monday — The St. Patrick Bruins will attempt to defend their title, which was also won at Blue Rock.

Girls volleyball

St. Joseph at Albany, 5:15 p.m. Tuesday — The Cougars will attempt to stay on top of the BSAL against

the Pilots, which were two games back in third place at press time.

St. Joseph at St. Mary's, 5:15 p.m. Thursday — The Panthers, who are tied for fourth in the BSAL at press time, will try to knock off the Pilots.

Stars of the week

Harold Lueders, Albany football — The quarterback completed 15 of his 28 pass attempts for 281 yards and four touchdowns as the Cougars

rallied from a 10-point fourth quarter deficit by scoring three touchdowns in the last three minutes, seven seconds of play to beat Tomales 47-36.

Sean Young, Berkeley football — The explosive Young rushed three times for 110 yards, including two touchdowns, and added three catches for 91 yards and a score as the Yellow Jackets dominated Encinal 58-0.

Vanessa Williams, Berkeley volleyball — Williams started last week

with six kills and four digs in a 15-1, 15-4, 15-2 Yellow Jackets victory over Hercules, then she pounded 12 kills and added 11 digs in Berkeley's 15-6, 15-5, 15-7 win over El Cerrito.

Gabriela Rios-Sotelo, St. Mary's cross country — The sophomore won a BSAL dual meet with a great Piedmont squad, as she negotiated the three-mile Joaquin Miller Park course in 23 minutes, 34 seconds.

Under turns serious

Comedian goes against type in "Punch-Drunk Love," his first serious role. Page C3

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Arts

'Punch-Drunk' aims for the heart

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

We're often told, on our own romantic quests, that we cannot find true love until we're whole as individuals. It's one of those self-help wisdoms that gnaws and nags at us. "Am I whole yet?" we ask ourselves. Arriving at what feels like that magical plateau, we look around. Where is he? Or she?

In "Punch-Drunk Love," writer/director Paul Thomas Anderson ("Magnolia," "Boogie Nights") presents an enthralling, riveting, although not entirely convincing, argument against that proposition. In his world, love leads to wholeness, or at least a patch-job that will hold together quite nicely, thank you. Whether you accept it or not is a matter of personal tastes and beliefs. The lasting value of the movie, the element that confirms Anderson as the most provocative and excitingly aggravating of young American filmmakers, is the way it clambers inside you and punches away at the walls of whatever box you live in.

The movie, as you may have heard, stars Adam Sandler in his first serious film role. This may seem like gag casting, but rest easy; the director knows what he's doing. As Anderson's anti-hero Barry, Sandler has found his place in the sun. It's quite possible he may never get there again, but for this moment in time, he is radiantly right.

Barry is a salesman who works out of a warehouse in Anderson's favored cinematic setting, the dismal commercial wasteland of the San Fernando Valley. He peddles decorative toilet plungers with tireless dedication and unflagging hope that he



ADAM SANDLER, right, with Luis Guzman, struggles with rage and self-esteem in "Punch-Drunk Love," his first serious movie role.

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Punch-Drunk Love"

■ **STARRING:** Adam Sandler, Emily Watson, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Luis Guzman, Mary Lynn Rajskub

■ **RATING:** R (for strong language including a scene of sexual dialogue)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 37 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at Metreon, S.F., the California, Berkeley; and the Century 20, Daly City

■ **GRADE:** A-

will achieve success, despite all signs to the contrary. "I'm doing great, I think, as a start," he tells a phone-sex operator, managing to sound both confident and de-

fensive.

That's because he's trying really hard to do all the right things to be a good businessman, but people, namely his seven sisters, keep reminding him what a loser and freak show he actually is. They treat him with the same level of respect they probably showed their lone Ken doll as children. Anderson has cast mostly nonactors, four of them related to one another, as the sisters, and their abuse has a hideously naturalistic ring to it. Every now and again Barry melts down in the face of it, lashing out physically, breaking things. Then he denies what he's done, all in a voice so soft and harmless that it almost seems to shuffle.

Having created this convincing time bomb, Anderson sets

out, less convincingly, to heal him. We meet Barry on what turns out to be his day of revelation, in which he discovers his own capacity to take on the world and through that, in theory, regulate his own pressure gauge. In short order: He discovers a technically legal way to accumulate oodles of frequent-flyer miles; he admires a harmonium dumped on the side of the road and decides to make it his own (no raining frogs this time, but the harmonium adds a bit of Anderson incongruity); and he dares to believe a woman who claims to find him attractive.

His last leap is the hardest, in that Lena (Emily Watson) is proffered to him by his sister Elizabeth (Mary Lynn Rajskub). Lena

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Big signing doesn't change Donnas' sound

■ **Local girls make good, work their way to release of a fifth album**

By Yoshi Kato
CORRESPONDENT

Like Hewlett-Packard before them, the Donnas have their origins in a Palo Alto garage. And while the currently San Francisco- and El Cerrito-based quartet has yet to acquire any other rock bands or buy the naming rights to any arenas, it is moving up in the musical world.

"When we first started playing, we didn't think anyone would like us. Everyone just made fun of us at school, and we never thought it would go any-

PREVIEW

WHO: The Donnas, with Your Enemies' Friends, Campfire Girls

WHEN: 9 p.m. Thursday

WHERE: Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St., S.F.

HOW MUCH: \$12

CONTACT: 866-468-3399, 4150885-0750.

where," says bass guitarist and Palo Alto High School alumnus Maya "Donna F." Ford. "We just did it because it was fun, and we were really good friends."

"Suddenly, people wanted to come to our shows. We were doing sold-out shows in a van, and

now we have a bus," she continues. "We don't have to go to school, and we can support ourselves through our band. It's pretty cool."

Ford and her bandmates are gathered in their impressively well-stocked tour bus, which carries everything from video games, a stereo system and DVD and video players to toilet and shower facilities. They're parked behind the Warfield in San Francisco prior to taking the stage there in a few hours as part of a concert headlined by Jimmy Eat World. The Donnas headline their own show Thursday at the Great American Music Hall.

The group is viewing a rough cut of the video "Take It Off," the

first single off its major label debut, "Spend the Night," the band's fifth album overall, being released by Atlantic Records.

Ford, drummer Torry "Donna C." Castellano, guitarist Allison "Donna R." Robertson and singer Brett "Donna A." Anderson started playing under the name Raggedy Ann before adopting their individual and group Donna monikers. They gigged while attending high school together and released their first of four albums on the Berkeley-based independent Lookout! Records label in early 1998.

Now all 23, they signed with AOL Time Warner-owned At-

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Disneyland escapee tells of slaving for the Mouse

IT'S BEEN SAID countless times in countless ways: Be careful what you wish for — you may just get it. In spades. In the extreme. In a glut of plentitude. And enough, already!

Like most of us, however, Trevor Allen threw caution to the wind. He pursued his wish right into the Magic Kingdom and gave it a voice:

"To never grow up and play at Disneyland all day."

Alas, he got his wish. But not in spades.

In a dog suit. Playing Pluto under layers of fur and disillusionment, he ached for the day when he could finally get "voice clearance" to play Peter Pan.

Allen's story of his days as a character in Disneyland, "Working for the Mouse," opens tonight at La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave. (near Hearst), Berkeley. His solo performance of his original play is a presentation of Impact Theatre. Kent Nicholson is directing.

When voice clearance finally comes, it's as The Mad Hatter: it could be worse. His Alice, it turns out, is played by what Melissa Hillman's media release describes as "a notorious hottie."

Hiding out from supervisors, protecting your groin from agnostic 8-year-olds, and hosting a party for 300 randy park employees in a tiny apartment — so it's said — are just a few of the highlights from this one-man show. Is it hot in that costume? Hotter than you can imagine, I'm told.

"Working for the Mouse" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays through



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Nov. 16 at La Val's.

It moves to San Francisco's Exit Cafe, 156 Eddy St. between Mason and Taylor for an 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday run from Nov. 22 through Dec. 14. No performance Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29 and 30.

Tickets are \$12 general, \$7 for seniors, students and TBA members. Call 510-464-4468, or e-mail tickets@impacttheatre.com.

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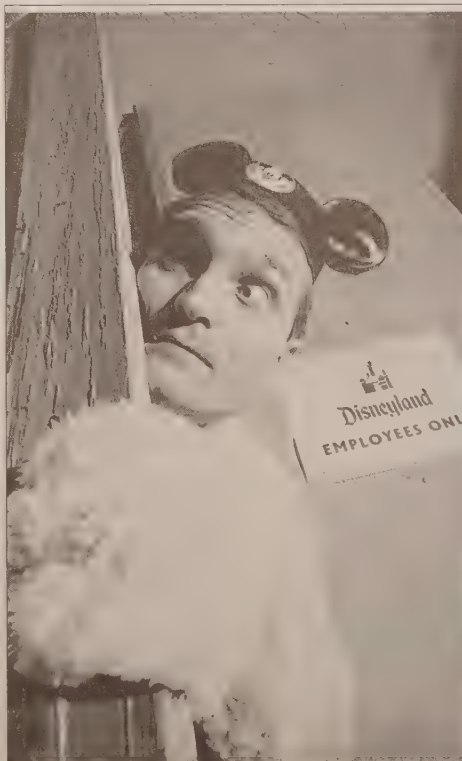
Here's something different, in its second weekend tonight just a bridge away from Contra Costa's East Bay. Hoochi-Doo Productions is presenting "Putting It Together," an inventive musical revue with words and music by Stephen Sondheim.

It plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 2 at Larkspur Cafe Theatre, 500 Magnolia Ave. (at Ward) in downtown Larkspur. For those who want dinner before the show, dining begins at 7 p.m.

On this Sunday only, you can sup at 2 p.m., followed by the performance at 3 p.m.

Next Saturday, Oct. 26, to get you in the mood for next day's Daylight Saving Time switch, dinner "falls back" to 6 p.m.,

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IMPACT THEATRE presents Working for the Mouse, written and performed by Trevor Allen.

EVENTS

AURORA THEATRE — "The Shape of Things" by Neil LaBute, closing Oct. 20. A Pygmalion-like play bringing into question how far one should go for love.

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\$10 to \$54 general; \$16 under age 30. Oct. 18, Oct. 19, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2015 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949, (888) 4BRTix or www.berkeleyrep.org

CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE — "The Rainmaker" by N. Richard Nash, Oct. 18 through Nov. 23. A traveling rainmaker brings rain and love to a parched town.

\$15. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Oct. 27 and Nov. 3, 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132.

IMPACT THEATRE — "Working for the Mouse" by Trevor Allen, Oct. 18 through Nov. 16. A comedy about one man's adventures as a Disney character.

\$12 general; \$7 students and seniors. The Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. 510-464-4468 or www.impacttheatre.com

SHOTGUN PLAYERS — "We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!" by Dario Fo, closing Oct. 19. A comical farce about a group of women who refuse to pay for groceries, this story addresses issues of the working poor, desperation, crooked cops, hunger and pregnancy.

\$12 to \$18 general; \$10 for all on Thursday. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. (510) 704-8210 or www.shotgunplayers.org

STAGEMASTERS — "Moon Over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig, closing Oct. 26. A Broadway comedy dinner theater extravaganza.

\$35. Dinner, 7 p.m.; show, 8 p.m. Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda. 510-522-1015 ext. 13.

TRANSPARENT THEATRE — "Deep Space" by Alex Johnston, closing Oct. 20. Two Irish men have wildly different ideas about how to act toward women in general but share a growing obsession over the same one.

\$20 general; Pay-What-You-Can Sunday. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 7 p.m. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. 510-883-0305 or www.transparenttheatre.org

ZELLERBACH PLAYHOUSE — "Escape From Happiness" by George F. Walker, closing Oct. 20. The Dawson family struggles to deal with the chaos of the outside world, while trying to resolve the dysfunction internally.

\$14 general; \$8 students and seniors. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Spieker Plaza, Bancroft and Dana, Berkeley. (866) 468-3399, 510-642-9825 or www.theater.berkeley.edu

POPULAR MUSIC

ASHKENAZ — The Johnny Nocturne Band with Miss Dee, Oct. 18, 9:30 p.m. \$11.

Tom Rigney and Flambeau, Oct. 19, 9:30 p.m. \$11.

Reunion of UC Folkdancers and Hangers-On, Oct. 20, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$5.

Gator Beat, Oct. 22, 8:30 p.m. \$8.

Steve Lucky Quartet, Oct. 23, 9 p.m. \$8.

Afro-Muzika, Oct. 25, 9:30 p.m. \$12.

Kotoja, Oct. 26, 9:30 p.m. \$12.

Marc Black, Funky Sex Gods, Oct. 27, 8 p.m. \$10 to \$50.

All ages. Free admission for children 12 and under. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054 or www.ashkenaz.com

BLAKE'S ON TELEGRAPH — Cool Water Canyon, Rob Neely Band, Oct. 18, \$7.

Sol Americano, Oct. 19, \$6.

Plasticade, Little Hercules, Oct. 20, \$3.

The Steve Gannon Band and Mz. Dee, Oct. 21, \$4.

Slow Poisoner, Oct. 22, \$3.

Kid Glove Entertainment.com Presents, Oct. 23, \$6.

Granola Funk Express, LT and the Friendly Traveler, Oct. 25, \$8.

Ten Mile Tide, Oct. 26, \$6.

Electric Jesus, Oct. 27, \$3.

For ages 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 510-848-0886.

CATO'S ALE HOUSE — Casini Mission, Oct. 20.

Baguette Quartet, Oct. 23.

The Lost Trio, Oct. 27.

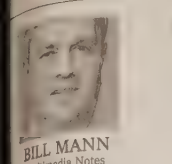
Free. Music from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3891 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. 510-655-3349 or www.mecato.com

DOWNTOWN — Dany Caron, Brenda Boykin, Ruth Davies, Oct. 18.

Mark Levine Trio, Oct. 19.

Jules Broussard, Bing Nathan, Ned

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Bill Mann Multimedia Notes

Dianne Dwyer
departs KTVU

Two people who run KTVU's Web site sure don't mess around. Long-time anchor Dianne Dwyer's bio had been down from Channel 2 before some employees at Jack London Square station knew the 12-year veteran was gone. True to KTVU tradition, there was no announcement of Dwyer's departure on the air, of course.

Dwyer had been working on a contract for about a year and negotiations between her and the station's general manager had been on for months. Dwyer is a former anchor at the Oakland station to which KTVU, where Dwyer starts her new job, the day before her 40th birthday.

KTVU is a news shop where the standards are tradition high. Not only don't they leave, but a long line of pros always waits to be hired there. But things have changed in the news following the retirement of beloved news director

When I spoke to Dwyer at her home the other day, she told me the bone of contention in her negotiations with her general manager Jeff Sanders was the fact that I wanted to continue working four days a week, not five, because of my kids."

Dwyer said her new deal with KTVU is structured so she'll continue to report two days a week, and anchor the 5 p.m. solo.

Dwyer will be her reporting on Channel 11's new San Francisco bureau, located near KTVU's studios. "I won't commute down to San Francisco except on weekends," she

Another reason she left KTVU, Dwyer said, is because she has high regard for KTVU's news director, Jim Sanders, who, Dwyer told me, she had hired her a few years ago to work for him at an Indianapolis station.

"I'm a great newsman," Dwyer said, "and I'm a sports anchor. Tim Sanders, who I worked for, is a great news anchor. I like the news exec. Sanders apparently thought in to make some subtle changes in KTVU's news department — about time — does Sanders' arrival mean controversy? KTVU 6 o'clock anchor Tom Igoe should be looking over her shoulder?"

"I'm not gonna get into it," Dwyer said with a laugh. "I have to ask Jim."

It makes sense that the talented, telegenic Dwyer might be KTVU's lead anchor in the future.

Another possible reason for Dwyer's departure from KTVU is her replacement as Channel 2 news director, Andy Finlayson, a controversial figure in the Oakland news world since his appointment.

Finlayson, and almost from the start, the former KCBS radio producer rubbed some of the 2 news staffers the wrong way. Although Dwyer confirmed it, KTVU news sources told me she did have a lot of love for Fin-

layson. "Things are starting to fall apart," one veteran Channel 2 news staffer told me, "and several other people have been down to KNTV."

The KTVU vet said that pop- culture capable Channel 2 producer Mike Kelly, "the guy who holds this operation together," is also unhappy — an unhappy sign if true.

Some KTVU staffers de- test their boss. Said one: "Dwyer is a bright, disciplined woman, but he's been getting pressure from the corporate guys to get the numbers up."

One example, this source said, is that the consultants said we should get the story count up

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Pat Craig, Randy Myers and Mary F. Pols. Times, Robert W. Butler and Chris Hewitt, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; Anthony Breznican, David Germain, Christy Lemire, Tim Molloy, Sheila Norman-Culp, Jocelyn Novack, Malcolm Rittler and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Bruce Westbrook, Houston Chronicle; Jan Stuart, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Evan Henerson, Valerie Kulkenski, Fred Shuster, Bob Strauss and Glenn Wherry, Los Angeles Daily News; Manohla Dargis, Kevin Thomas and Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Maurstad, Chris Vogner and Philip Wuntch, Dallas Morning News; Robert Philpot, Fort Worth Star-Telegram; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel; Stephen Hunter, Washington Post.

"THE BANGER SISTERS":

Groupies do not inspire admiration. Pity and disgust, yes. Former groupies waxing nostalgic for the good old rock 'n' roll days are even worse. Lucky for writer/director Bob Dolman that he's got Goldie Hawn and Susan Sarandon to (almost) make us forget what we're dealing with here: self-esteem-starved sycophants. Suzette (Hawn) is now on the far fringes of groupiedom, while Vinny (Sarandon) has run away to Phoenix and become an Uptight

White. They reunite, spar and bond. Most of this is garbage, but not Hawn. She's in command. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexual content and some drug use.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. B-

"BARBERSHOP": An imperfect but beguiling film about a day in the life of a Chicago barbershop. The owner, Calvin (Ice Cube), is debating selling the family business so he can do his own thing. But as he prepares to hand it over to the local loan shark, he starts to get how important it is to the neighborhood. Not an earthshaking premise, but a cozy one. Director Tim Story lacks the control to keep the overly broad comedy in check (there's an entirely wasteful subplot involving the theft of an ATM machine) or to stop his more boisterous performers (Eve, Cedric the Entertainer) from chewing the scenery. But it's a sweet comedy nonetheless. — M. Pols. (PG-13: language, sexual content and brief drug references.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B-

"BLOODY SUNDAY": This film by writer/director Paul Greengrass functions more as magic potion than as a movie, sending us back in time to the bedlam of one of the most devastating days in Ireland's history. That day was Jan. 30, 1972. During a civil rights march in Derry, British troops shot 13 unarmed civilians dead and wounded more than a dozen more. Greengrass, a former journalist who covered the conflicts in Ireland in the 1980s, has chosen

to tell the story in documentary style. We are tossed into the story with little exposition, desperately grasping for the basics through overheard snatches of conversation. It's a disorienting tactic, but if you stick with it, it rewards you by making you feel like a participant in the day itself. The filmmaking looks like raw news footage, but it's interlarded with subtle bits of humanity: What the actors and Greengrass give us is an experience rather than a history lesson. There is no solace here, no entertainment value, merely a fierce lesson in where filmmaking can take us. — M. Pols. (R: violence and language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. A

"BROWN SUGAR": This romantic-comedy is a hip-hop love story. In 1984, Sidney is a little girl watching break-dancers showing off moves and rappers swapping lines on a street corner. Pulling her up to stand on a bench so she could see better is a little boy named Dre. Flash-forward to the present and Sidney (Sanaa Lathan) is a hot hip-hop journalist, and Dre (Taye Diggs) is a hot hip-hop producer. Since this is a romantic comedy, you know what to expect — something always almost happens but never quite does, because fate gets in the way. First Dre is getting married to a beautiful attorney (Nicole Ari Parker), and then Sidney is getting engaged to a handsome basketball player (Boris Kodjoe). Will they? Won't they? This movie uses hip-hop as a metaphor for love, for an ineffa-

ble energy that makes life worth living. — T. Maurstad. (PG-13: language, adult situations.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

"DAS EXPERIMENT": A social experiment takes a turn for the worse as 20 men, recruited by scientists, are placed in an elaborately constructed mock prison. A down-on-his-tips caddy (Moritz Bleibtreu) enrolls so he can whip up a magazine story. You can guess where this heads, sort of like a "Das Survivor," since it comes from Germany. To its credit, "Experiment" is hypnotic, slick and well-told. Yet you can't help but feel bullied and manipulated. — E. Mitchell. (NR: extreme violence, torture, humiliation, brutality, bloodshed, language, sex and nudity.) 1 hour, 53 minutes (in German with English subtitles). C

"THE FOUR FEATHERS": In 1884, a young English military man (Heath Ledger) declines to fight Mohammed "fanatics" in the Sudan in 1884. His fiancée (Kate Hudson) and best friends send him four feathers, representing cowardice. And thus the epic guilt trip begins. To prove his mettle, Ledger travels to the Sudan, goes undercover as an Arab, and attempts to save the day single-handedly. Director Shekhar Kapur ("Elizabeth") has a lovely time with landscapes and battle scenes, but the storytelling falls flat as we bounce wildly and illogically between England and the Sudan. Not to mention our confusion as to our hero's motivation: The obstinate prigs who sent the feathers hardly seem worth his effort. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense battle sequences, disturbing images, violence and some sensuality.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. C+

"IGBY GOES DOWN": Naughty prepster (Kieran Culkin) defies his nasty mother (Susan Sarandon) and goes on the lam in Manhattan in this directorial debut from writer Burr Steers. Igyb takes refuge with the mistress (Amanda Peet) of his devious godfather (Jeff Goldblum), develops a crush on a cynical college student (Claire Danes) and makes no attempt to better himself or cease to be a defiant brat. But he's entertaining to watch, and so is the superior ensemble cast. The problem is the Holden Caulfieldness of it all, even when this soars on Steers' imagination and fine writing, it can't rise over the looming shadow of Salingor. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality, language and drug content.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B+

"KNOCKAROUND GUYS": This movie offers solid performances from Vin Diesel, Barry Pepper, John Malkovich, Dennis Hopper and a handful of co-stars, but their nice acting turns generally are wasted on a pack of disagreeable wiseguys who aren't very wise and a dreary story of gangsters behaving savagely. Writers-directors Brian Koppelman and David Levien set out to craft a flick about the "sons of wiseguys" they encountered in their youth. It's intriguing, the idea of second-generation hoods in an era of fading mob opportunities, incapable of landing straight jobs because of the stigma of their last names. This film, however, ends up being nothing more than a predictably bloody testosterone-fest. — D. German. (R: violence, language and some drug use.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. C

OPENING TODAY

"ABANDON" (PG-13) A college student's (Katie Holmes) life is thrown into turmoil when her boyfriend disappears. Co-starring Benjamin Bratt as the investigator assigned to the case.

"BELOW" (R) A suspense thriller about mysterious happenings aboard a lost World War II submarine. Starring Bruce Greenwood, Scott Foley and Olivia Williams.

"BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE" (R) Documentary filmmaker Michael Moore ("Roger & Me") explores America's passion for owning and using guns.

"FORMULA 51" (R) Samuel L. Jackson plays a master chemist whose plans to market his newest invention, an extreme pleasure drug, land him in trouble in Liverpool. Robert Carlyle co-stars.

"HEAVEN" (R) A young Italian policeman (Giovanni Ribisi) falls in love with a woman (Cate Blanchett) who has committed a terrible crime in a misguided attempt to avenge her husband's drug overdose.

"JONAH: A VEGGIE TALES MOVIE" (G)

A new version of the story of Jonah and the whale, starring the characters from the popular "VeggieTales" series.

"MERCY POUR LE CHOCOLAT" (NR) Isabelle Huppert stars in this Hitchcock-like tale about a family dysfunction, the bourgeoisie and some "killer" chocolate.

"PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE" (NR) Adam Sandler takes on his first dramatic role in "Mallory" director Paul Thomas Anderson's new film, playing a salesman whose seven warring sisters have turned into a rage-filled social misanthrope. Emily Watson is his love interest.

"THE RING" (PG-13) Watching a videotape seems to lead to certain violent death within seven days. "Mulan" director John Woo plays a journalist investigating the mysterious tape in the thriller.

"WELCOME TO COLLINWOOD" (R) A petty thief learns of the perils of a life in prison, finds it's harder to plan the expected. With Luis Guzmán, Sam Rockwell and William Macy.

Harumph. There's certainly no comedy, but this is a brutal war movie, set in a battle of the sexes. The soldiers on these front lines are a group of marrieds and almost marrieds, hand-to-hand combat over commitment, fidelity and reality. Our so-called 29-year-old Stefano, is bored with his girlfriend, so he starts a flirtation with a luscious but vapid high school student. Writer/director Gabriele Muccino's take on relationships is, and refreshingly honest, but scathing that it may make the audience feel like kissing off altogether. — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality and some drug use.) 57 minutes. B

"THE MAN FROM ELYSIAN FIELDS": This elegant film with surprising twists captures the shifting fortunes that character-

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday October 18

Act 1 and 2
2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456
•**Bloody Sunday** (R) 12:45, 3:30, 7:15, 10:45
•**Bowling for Columbine** (R) 11:14, 1:40, 4:15, 7, 9:45

Albany Twin
1150 Solano Ave., Albany 510-843-3456
•**Bloody Sunday** (R) 12:20, 5, 7:30, 10:45
•**Mostly Martha** (PG) 11:45, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30

California Theatre
2113 Kirtland St., Berkeley 510-843-3456
•**Punch-Drunk Love** (R) 1, 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
•**The Rules of Attraction** (R) 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
•**The Human Body** (NR) 11:30, 2:30, 4:30, 8:30
•**The Living Sea** (Not Rated) 3:30, 5:30
•**Mysteries of Egypt** (Not Rated) 12:30

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-849-0530
•**13 Conversations About One Thing** (R) 7:10
•**Das Experiment** (Not Rated) 4:50, 9:15
•**The Good Girl** (R) 7:15
•**The Last Kiss** (R) 7
•**One Hour Photo** (R) 5, 9:20
•**Read My Lips** (Not Rated) 4:45, 9:30

Fine Arts Cinema
2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143
•**Earth** (Not Rated) 9:20
•**Hybrid** (Not Rated) 7:30
•**Silent Running** (Not Rated) 10:35

Silence Grand Lake
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
•**Barbershop** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15
•**Knockaround Guys** (R) 12:30, 2:45, 9:30
•**Long Night's Journey Into Day** (Not Rated) 8
•**Red Dragon** (R) 12:45, 3:45, 7, 9:45
•**Tuck Everlasting** (PG) 12, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10
•**Waking Mele/The Doe Boy** (Not Rated) 8:45

Jack London Cinema
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
•**Brown Sugar** (R) 11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 9:50
•**Formula 51** (R) 11:40, 2, 4:35, 7, 9:25
•**Red Dragon** (R) 1, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40
•**The Ring** 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
•**Sweet Home Alabama** 11:45, 2:25, 5, 7:45, 10:20
•**White Oleander** 11:20, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10

Renaissance Oaks Theatre
1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
•**Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) 7:30, 9:45
•**White Oleander** (PG-13) 7, 9:30

Pathway Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
•**13 Conversations About One Thing** (R) 7
•**The Banger Sisters** (R) 6:30
•**One Hour Photo** (R) 9:15
•**Signs** (PG-13) 9:45

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-843-3456
•**Bowling for Columbine** (R) 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 12:20, 4:30, 6:45, 9:30
•**Spirited Away** (PG) 12:10, 4:10, 7, 9:45

Shattuck Cinemas
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456
•**Ellyb Goes Down** (R) 1:55, 4:25, 6:45, 9:05
•**Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie** (G) 12:30, 2:35, 4:40, 6:50, 8:50
•**The Man from Elysian Fields** (R) 4:35, 9:30
•**Merci pour le chocolat** (Not Rated) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40
•**Moonlight Mile** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 2, 4:20, 6:40, 9
•**Rivers and Tides** (Not Rated) 2:20, 7:10
•**Spirited Away** (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:35, 9:55
•**Tuck Everlasting** (PG) 1, 3:45, 6:55, 9:35
•**Tuck Everlasting** (PG) 12:45, 2:55, 5:10, 7:15, 9:25

United Artists Berkeley
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487

•**Abandon** 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45
•**Barbershop** (PG-13) 2:50, 7:50
•**Brown Sugar** (PG-13) 12:15, 3, 5:20, 7:40, 10:20
•**Formula 51** (R) 12, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:05
•**Red Dragon** (R) 1, 5, 8:10, 10:55
•**The Ring** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:55, 5:30, 8, 10:30
•**Sweet Away** (R) 12:10, 5:15, 10:40
•**The Transporter** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:25, 7:45, 10:15

United Artists Emery Bay *

6330 Christie, Emeryville 510-420-0107
•**Abandon** (PG-13) 11:45, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30
•**Barbershop** (PG-13) 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
•**Brown Sugar** 11:45, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:30
•**Formula 51** (R) 12, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
•**Knockaround Guys** (R) 11:55, 2:10
•**Red Dragon** (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 10
•**The Ring** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:45
•**Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) 11:55, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
•**The Transporter** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
•**The Tuxedo** (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10:10
•**White Oleander** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9080
•**Red Dragon** (R) 6:30, 9
•**The Ring** (PG-13) 7, 9:30
•**Tuck Everlasting** (PG) 7:15, 9:15

Renaissance Park Theatre
3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 925-283-7997
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 7, 9:15

Rheem Theatre
350 Park St., Moraga 925-088-3411
•**The Banger Sisters** (R) 4:50, 7:30, 9:35
•**Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) 4:30, 7, 9:25
•**The Transporter** (PG-13) 5, 7:20, 9:20
•**White Oleander** (PG-13) 4:45, 7:10, 9:30

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-759-2345
•**Abandon** (PG-13) 12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05
•**Barbershop** 12:30, 2:55, 5:30, 7:55, 10:25
•**Below** (R) 11:55, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
•**Brown Sugar** (PG-13) 11:45, 1, 2:25, 3:35, 4:55, 6:15, 7:25, 8:45, 9:55
•**Formula 51** (R) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:15
•**Jonah: A VeggieTales Movie** (G) 11:35, 1:55, 4:15, 7:05, 9:15
•**Knockaround Guys** 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 8:05, 10:20
•**Pokemon 4Ever** (G) 11:30, 1:45
•**Red Dragon** (R) 1:05, 4, 7:10, 10
•**The Ring** (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 3:55, 5:15, 6:30, 7:50, 9:10, 10:30
•**Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
•**The Transporter** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45
•**Tuck Everlasting** (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:40, 7, 9:20
•**The Tuxedo** (PG-13) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50
•**White Oleander** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•**Banger Sisters** (R) 1:25, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15
•**Barbershop** (PG-13) 2:25, 5, 7:35, 10:10
•**Brown Sugar** (PG-13) 1:45, 5:20, 8:20, 11:10
•**Knockaround Guys** (R) 1:20, 5:05, 7:25, 9:35, 11:45
•**Pokemon 4Ever** (G) 1, 3
•**Red Dragon** (R) 1, 2, 4, 4:55, 5:25, 7, 8, 8:30, 10:05, 11
•**Rules of Attraction** (R) 2:10, 6, 8:30, 11:20
•**Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) 1:15, 1:45, 4:35, 5:05, 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:25
•**Transporter** (PG-13) 2:15, 5:25, 8:15, 10:35
•**Tuck Everlasting** (PG) 1, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40, 11:50
•**Tuxedo** (PG-13) 1:10, 5:20, 7:40, 10:20
•**White Oleander** (PG-13) 1, 5:15, 7:55, 10:35

AMC Kabuki 8 *

1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-931-9800
•**Barbershop** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:25, 7,

9:40
•**The Four Feathers** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7:05, 10
•**Red Dragon** (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:45, 10:40
•**The Rules of Attraction** (R) 2:10, 5:15, 8:05, 10:50
•**Spirited Away** (PG) 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20
•**Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) 2, 5:05, 7:55, 10:30
•**Tuck Everlasting** (PG) 1:50, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50
•**The Tuxedo** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:45, 7:35, 10:10

Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-352-0818
•**Secretary** (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
•**Throne of Blood** (Not Rated) 7, 9:20

Clay Theatre
2261 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415-352-0810
•**Women** (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:20, 7, 9:40
•**Rushmore** (R)

Embarcadero Center Cinema
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0810
•**Bloody Sunday** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10
•**The Last Kiss** (R) 12, 3:30, 10:10
•**The Man from Elysian Fields** (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
•**Mostly Martha** (PG) 1, 4:20, 7:20, 9:45
•**One Hour Photo** (R) 1:10, 4:30

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-352-0810
•**24 Hour Party People** (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20
•**Good Girl** (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
•**Wasabi** (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5, 7:15, 9:35

Opera Plaza Cinema
601 Van Ness Blvd., San Francisco 415-352-0810
•**Das Experiment** (Not Rated) 1, 4, 7, 9:40
•**Family Fundamentals** (Not Rated) 12:50, 3, 5:20, 7:30, 9:55
•**Rivers and Tides** 12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:10, 9:30
•**Skins** (R) 12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50

The Red Vic Theatre
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
•**Hedwig and the Angry Inch** (R) 7:15, 9:20

The Roxie Theatre
3117 18th St., Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
•**Biggie and Tupac** (R) 9:40
•**Invincible** (PG-13) 7

Loews Ima Theatre
101 Fourth Street, San Francisco 415-369-6200
•**Apollo 13** (PG) 11, 1:40, 4:20, 7
•**Red Dragon** (R) 10

Loews Theatres Metreon
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6200
•**Barbershop** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 9:10, 11:40
•**Brown Sugar** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9, 11:30
•**Knockaround Guys** (R) 10:40, 1:20, 4, 6:40, 9:20, 12
•**Moonlight Mile** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:50, 5:50, 8:50, 11:20
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 11:40, 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40
•**Red Dragon** (R) 11:10, 1:10, 2:20, 4:30, 5:30, 7:40, 8:40, 10:50, 11:50
•**Rules of Attraction** (R) 11:20, 2:10, 5, 8, 11
•**Spirited Away** (PG) 12, 3, 6, 8:45, 11:10
•**Sweet Home Alabama** (PG-13) 10:30, 1, 4:20, 7:10, 10:10
•**Swept Away** (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50, 12:05
•**The Transporter** (PG-13) 10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30, 12:10
•**Tuck Everlasting** (PG) 10:35, 12:50, 3:50, 7, 9:40
•**Tuxedo** (PG-13) 11:30, 2, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30
•**White Oleander** (PG-13) 11, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

United Artists Galaxy
1285 Sutter St., San Francisco 415-474-8700
•**Ellyb Goes Down** (R) 2, 7:10, 9:45
•**The Master of Disguise** (PG) 12
•**Moonlight Mile** 11:40, 2:10, 7:20, 9:50
•**My Big Fat Greek Wedding** (PG) 11:45, 2, 7, 9:30
•**Swept Away** (R) 12, 2:15, 7:15, 9:45

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...6 o'clock newscast. No one was very happy about it. We were popular. But the ratings did not.

...newscast's local story count is a familiar among TV consultants. The source also said that KTVU has been cutting a lot of travel news specials. Most all news specials. To keep viewers from another dictate from 2's consultants of late, says.

...defection is a gain in, which needs solid, (i.e., non-imported) and a loss for KTVU. ...now faces an extended period of weekend news, auditions in much KTVU reporters as and John Sasaki were prominently. There's plus for local viewers going to Channel

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...more than willing to take the fix-up, training her and tentative yet sly him like a homing device, initially regards her as a piece of Halloween to be snatched back, having had some expectations of that department.

...a portrait of pure rage, "Punch-Drunk Love" is blazingly it's anger American-style, and then unleashed suddenly, with the colors of our flag about, dressing Barry in and Lena in deep reds, then together with a flip out, shattering and glass patio doors, we're having made us fully sympathetic to Barry's anguish up to this point, Anderson to shoot this scene from the house, and the angle of this story of rage a new dimension suddenly. It turns cubist fractured, ugly, and, somehow more honest. Barry and Lena.

...Anderson continues this game about, exploring Barry's career for fury and humiliation reactions to it. We even

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...n contemporary Los Angeles is bolstered by a dream cast: Cuba Gooding Jr., Julianne Moore, Olivia Williams, James Van Der Beek, and Anjelica Huston. Byron (Lena) is a former advertising executive who threw over his career to devote years to writing a novel.

...the wife, Dena (Julianne Moore), and their small son live in a rundown cottage in a seedy neighborhood. Dena is passionately in love with her husband and takes a view of poverty. Byron's encounter with Luther Fox (Luther Fox), a well-tailored, well-spoken man who works in an office in a fine old Hollywood building, leads him to a tony escort service.

...developments are a prelude to Byron and Luther to unexpected moments of truth. — K. (R: language and sexual violence.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **B+**

...MILE": A young man is murdered and her fiancée (Julianne Moore) moves in with her (Dustin Hoffman) and Susan (Susan), hoping to comfort them. The role he and they would be his, their son-in-law (Brad Pitt) gives us a personal take on the process (his girlfriend was murdered in 1989). The film resonates with humor and careful, acute observations, but ultimately, and ironically, does some of those boring casserole to the bed when their kitchens are aligned with other well-meaning dishes. A fresh romance when we're not ready for it, no how charming the form it is newcomer named Ellen (Ellen). — M. Pols. (PG-13 for sexual violence and brief strong language.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **B-**

...PHOTO": A subdued and somber in fine form in this psychological thriller from director Mark Romanek. The psychodrama finds a photo (Williams) obsessing about her family. There are some misgivings, but Romanek's vision compensates for them, for an effective if imperfect — E. Mitchell. (R: strong language, sexual violence.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **B**

...EVER": If you're not a fan of the franchise, this is a movie won't convert you. But it should have fun meeting Romanek called Celebi, a green-winged time-traveling

11: Terilyn Joe's days at KNTV are numbered. She left the station this week.

MEDIA NOTES: Fastest-rising talent in local TV news: KRON's Janelle Marie, who was riding around in KGO Radio's traffic helicopter barely two years ago. Marie started at Channel 4 doing traffic, then weather, and now she's filling in for news anchor Darya Folsom on KRON's "Daybreak" newscast. The jury's still out, however, on whether the somewhat hammy Marie even belongs in a news spot.

Speaking of KRON, sports anchor Gary Radnich, on his KNBR Radio midday show, defended Giants' slugger Barry Bonds against one listener's comments about Bonds' unpleasant nature — kind of: "He's the best baseball player of his era. I just wouldn't want to drive across the country with him." Nor would I, Gary.

Radnich has more pointed comments about insipid CBS NFL halftime anchor Jim Nance, calling him, in effect, the Dr. Phil of sports TV.

"What's Jim Nance ever said on that show of any substance?"

Speaking of funny sports talkers, Jim Rome, whose syndicated morning show is carried here on Raider flagship station "The Ticker" (1050 AM) tape-delayed on middays — something Rome's not thrilled about — was chatting with the Raiders' Randy Jordan the other day. Rome asked Jordan whether there was a lot of competition between teammates and future Hall of Fame receivers Jerry Rice and Tim Brown.

"On the field, no," Jordan said. "They cover each other's backs. But off the field it's a different story. I play golf with Tim and Jerry, and I'm not kidding: These guys can't even ride in the same car, they're so competitive with each other."

KTVU reporter Bob MacKenzie, easily the best feature reporter and top writer in local TV (he was my predecessor as TV critic at the Classic Trib), will be married a third time soon, later this month —

in Tokyo. MacKenzie, who also writes and hosts a daily syndicated feature that runs on NBC-owned TV stations in L.A. and New York, says he met his Japanese-speaking bride at a tango festival in Emeryville.

Why Japan? "There's less red tape from the INS if we get married there," the puckish and charming Channel 2 newsmen says.

Former KTVU reporter Gary Kauf, host of that station's defunct "Our Town," is now teaching at Santa Clara U., MacKenzie says.

Got a lot of time to squander? Two of my favorite parlor word games, Scrabble and Boggle, have recently been combined — with an element of Tetris thrown in. This devilishly addictive on-line game is called Bookworm. You can find (and quickly load) Bookworm at www.popcap.com. Don't say you weren't warned.

Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill: Newsman@sonic.net



THE DONNAS have moved up in the world.

Donnas

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lantic earlier this year. With a deep bench of melodic hooks and tight group sound, the Donnas are likely to spring from hipster status to pop culture stars.

"There's been a lot of anticipation, a lot of waiting around. You just want to hear what people think," says Ford. "Most of the feedback I've gotten from people so far has been really good. People are like, 'Yeah! It sounds like you guys! You didn't change.'"

One key to that is the co-production work of Robert Shimp, who produced the previous Don-

nas album and who engineered "Get Skintight," the Donnas recording before that. "That was one reason why we signed with Atlantic," Ford explains. "They said we could still use Robert, and they wanted us to make an album just like our other ones."

"When we were writing new songs, we just wanted to write another album we could be really proud of and would want to listen to in our car. And we wanted to make it better than our last one," she says. We really like playing the new songs now. I think they sound better, and we'll work a lot of them into our set when we do our headlining tour."

root for the rage to kick in at one point, when Barry falls into some trouble with a wrathful family of art artists led by Philip Seymour Hoffman. When he runs away instead, as his sisters might say, "like a girl," we see how little control he has over his rage.

Yet ultimately, "Punch-Drunk Love" presents the case that by understanding and accepting his inner turmoil, Lena gives Barry self-esteem, teaches him to stand up to his enemies and makes it all better. Does Anderson really want us to believe this?

He's certainly displayed a soft spot for the against-all-odds romance before, particularly in "Magnolia," where John C. Reilly's kindly policeman offered the drug addict played by Melora Walters her best chance at salvation. She, you might remember, shuddered in the face of it, and told him, "Now that I've met you, would you object to never seeing each other again?" It's

worth noting that the song Walters' character was quoting, "Deathly," an Aimee Mann song from the "Magnolia" soundtrack, continued: "Cause I can't afford to climb aboard you, no one's got that much ego to spend."

We can't help wondering whether easygoing Lena will regret letting Barry climb aboard her. Because we know Barry. We're still scared of Barry. And we're pretty sure, no one does have that much ego to spend.

only. For supper and the show, the tab is \$30 and \$27 for similar groups.

Call 415-924-6107, or visit the Web site at www.hoochidooproductions.com.

Zooming in on Zeum: Another bridge away, and as timely as recent headlines, is Caryl Churchill's "Serious Money," opening at 8 p.m. tonight at San Francisco's Zeum Theatre. The venue is the interactive center for youths in Yerba Buena Gardens at the corner of Fourth and Howard streets.

"Serious Money" is a scathingly funny indictment of the rampant greed and amorality of the financial world as it was 20 years ago. Jonathan Moscone, artistic director of

the California Shakespeare Festival, makes his A.C.T. debut with this production. He says he thought the theme resonated with recent financial shenanigans. A.C.T. Conservatory Director Melissa Smith agreed. And that's how this master of fine arts (MFA) program reached the current presentation.

The cast features 17 actors from the MFA class of 2003 in more than 30 roles.

The comic drama premiered in London in 1987 at the Royal Court Theatre. Then, wearing its hit laurels, transferred to the West End. It opened on Broadway following the Wall Street downturn around that time to similar acclaim. Whether some wheeler-dealers were laughing

up their sleeves even then is an open and intriguing question.

Not only does the play capture almost every aspect of dirty dealing and money-grubbing from London to Wall Street, it does so in ingenious rhymed couplets.

The verse structure is embellished with music by the late rock star Ian Dury of The Blockheads. They're English, you know.

"Serious Money" plays at 8 p.m. on Oct. 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 and 30; Nov. 1 and 2. At 7 p.m. Oct. 20, and at 2 p.m. again on Oct. 20, 26, 27 and Nov. 2.

Tickets are \$15 general, dropping to \$12 for A. C. T. subscribers and \$10 for seniors, full-time teachers and students with ID. Call 415-749-

2228 (Geary Theatre box office), or online at act-sfbay.org.

A DELIGHTFUL DOWN-POUR: And lastly a "postdrip": "The Rainmaker," directed by Michael Ray Wisely, also opens tonight at 8 at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 for those 16 and under. Call 510-524-9132 to let a smile be your umbrella.

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creature who is also the spirit of the forest, and a blue horselike Pokémon called Suicune. The pattern of the plot remains the same. In a world filled with colorful pocket monsters called Pokémon, Ash dreams of becoming a master trainer, learning all he can from Professor Oak. — N. Churnin (G) 1 hour, 17 minutes. **B-**

"READ MY LIPS": Carla (Emmanuelle Devos) is a lonely, dowdy secretary in a French construction firm, mocked by the men in her office because she wears hearing aids. She hires feral ex-con Paul (Vincent Cassel) as a temp and ends up putting his thieving skills to use in order to further her career. In turn, he demands her help with a heist. They hate each other (sort of), but they need each other. As they plot and plan, writer/director Jacques Audiard builds the sexual tension between them to nearly unbearable levels. Devos is brilliant, Cassel oddly appealing, and the plot sucks you in. One of the sexiest and most satisfying movies of the year, and a vivid reminder of the true nature of chemistry between lovers and the rarity with which we see it on the screen. — M. Pols. (NR: includes some violence, sensuality and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **A-**

"RED DRAGON": A "fresh" adaptation of the original Thomas Harris novel that featured Hannibal Lecter. Talk about pandering to the audience: Producer Dino De Laurentiis and director Brett Ratner have remade Michael Mann's perfectly good 1986 film "Manhunter" on the grounds that it didn't have enough stars (including Anthony Hopkins) the first time around or give Lecter enough screen time. So back we go in history to fill in any little gap that might have been left in the story. The problem is, after his comic turn in "Hannibal," who finds Lecter scary still? Ralph Fiennes gives his madman character a bit too much Hamlet, and Ted Tally's script, when it's not lifted directly from Mann's, is too busy with tedious psychobabble about bed-wetting to be taken seriously. — M. Pols. (R: violence, grisly images, language, some nudity and sexuality.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. **C**

"THE RULES OF ATTRACTION": James Van Der Beek is Sean, a dorm-room drug dealer on an unnamed New England college campus. This guy who "can't remember the last time he had sex sober" is lusted after by Paul (Ian Somerhalder) and by Lauren (Shannyn Sossamon), a raccoon-eyed girl who could have been queen of "heroin chic." It's a messy movie of coed sex, camcorder sex, party sex, overdoes and emptiness. And Fred Savage, flopped on a bed in his BVDs, shooting up. De-

pravity has never looked so banal. — R. Moore. (R: strong sexual content, drug use, language and violent images.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **C-**

"SECRETARY": Romance blooms between a secretary (Maggie Gyllenhaal) who craves physical pain and a boss (James Spader) who enjoys inflicting it. Ninety percent of you just said "I'm out." But wait: Director Steven Shainberg's weird little film, an adaptation of a Mary Gaitskill story, while not for more delicate audiences, has much to offer. For one thing, the remarkable performance of Gyllenhaal. And then there's the movie's nonjudgmental eroticism, likely to extend a leather-clad glove to tap any number of sexual nerves on the shoulder and send unexpected and embarrassing arousal down their upright spines. — M. Pols. (R) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **B+**

"SPIRITED AWAY": The latest from Japanese animation master Hayao Miyazaki ("Princess Mononoke" "My Neighbor Totoro") Miyazaki wrote, directed and did much of the animation for this tale of a 10-year-old girl who accidentally wanders, with her parents, into a spirit world. The adults are promptly turned into a pair of plump pigs. To save them from becoming bacon, the girl must first learn to fend for herself. Miyazaki creates a dreamy visual world that resonates with poignancy, vibrant color and humor, delicately and unobtrusively interwoven with political and social themes, including the Japanese work ethic. Technically for children, but equally enchanting for adults, especially those who value stunning animation. — M. Pols. (PG: some scary moments.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. **A**

"SWEET HOME ALABAMA": Reese Witherspoon is forcibly jammed into the romantic comedy genre ruled by Julia Roberts. An Alabama native who ran away from her redneck husband (Josh Lucas) seven years ago and started afresh in Manhattan is forced to return home to get a divorce after the son (Patrick Dempsey) of New York's mayor asks for her hand in marriage. She discovers the values of her roots, while we enjoy big helpings of Southern-fried humor and hospitality. It's a mishmash of most of Roberts' movies. Not awful, but painful, in that Witherspoon, who dazzled in "Election" and "Freeway," deserves much better. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some language/sexual references) 1 hour, 32 minutes. **C+**

"SWEEP AWAY": Madonna plays Amber, the viper-tongued wife of a rich American businessman (Bruce

Greenwood), who has hired a large vessel to take her and four of their kid friends on a cruise from Greece to Italy. Amber finds fault with everything under the Mediterranean sun. The first mate, Giuseppe (Adriano Giannini), starts to actively fantasize about throwing her overboard. Circumstances conspire to land this pair on a deserted island. Giuseppe seizes the opportunity to turn the tables on Amber. He can keep them alive and well-fed, but in turn, she has to call him master, do his laundry and take it when he feels like slapping her around. Suffice it to say, this remake of Lina Wertmüller's 1974 movie is cheap, overwrought, unbelievable and good only for a few titillations. — M. Pols. (R: language and some sexuality/nudity.) 1 hour, 22 minutes. **D**

"THE TRANSPORTER": This cooler-than-cool riff is flat-out, hands-down, the best action movie of the year. Jason Statham stars as the title character, a detached, meticulous delivery man for the European underworld. He slips his gloves on, buckles the seat belt to his modified BMW and stares down bank robbers who want to "change the deal." The Transporter lives quietly in the south of France. He takes jobs, does them well, pockets the cash and minds his business. Trouble begins when he looks in the trunk. The "package" is a beautiful woman (Hong Kong film vet Shu Qi). She has a story to tell, which he's not interested in hearing. But events conspire to throw them together as they are pursued by mobsters, led by Matt Schulze. When it comes to pure action, "The Transporter" delivers. — R. Moore. (PG-13: violent sequences and some sensuality.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **A-**

"TUCK EVERLASTING": Based on Natalie Babbitt's children's book about the Tuck family who live in the woods and harbor a fascinating secret, this film is a bit slow and ponderous at times, but also quite beautiful and dreamlike. "Tuck Everlasting" deals with such weighty issues as death and immortality, or more precisely, which you would choose, if you could. Winnie (Alexis Bledel) is the resident rich kid in the quaint town of Treenag in 1914, and she's bored with staying home and playing the piano. When her parents command her to attend boarding school, she rebels, running out into the forbidding woods. There she comes across Jesse Tuck (Jonathan Jackson), who's drinking from a spring at the bottom of a tree. The budding love scenes of the two as they frolic in the woods would be unbearably corny if the actors weren't so charming, especially Bledel. We know where this wholesome fantasy is going all along. But do we really mind? — J. Noveck. (PG: some violence.) 1

hour, 28 minutes. **C+**

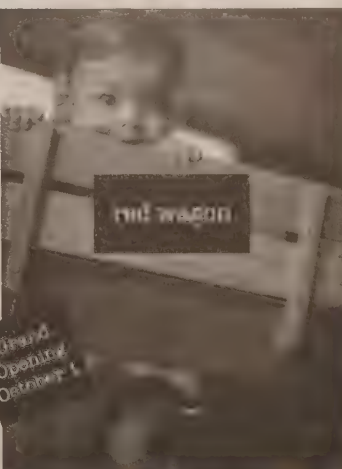
"THE TUXEDO": Jackie Chan stars in this loud, chaotic and enjoyable blast of a martial arts comedy. As a caddy who dons a tuxedo that gives him awesome physical skills and gadgets, Chan is a pure delight, hammering it up constantly. Jennifer Love Hewitt shows good comic timing as a rookie agent. This comedy delivers exactly what you expect from a Jackie Chan movie. — P. Wuntch. (PG-13: language, violence, sexuality.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B**

"WASABI": Luc Besson seems to have rewritten his 1990s hit "The Professional," with Jean Reno now playing a super-efficient cop instead of a super-efficient hit man. Like Leon, his character falls in platonic love with a young daughter figure, 19-year-old Yumi (Japanese pop star Ryoko Hirose), who needs protecting from bad men — easily identified, if not by their motivation, by their dark sunglasses. But Yumi is no Natalie Portman.

She's an irritating gnat, scampering through the picture like a 7-year-old in need of Ritalin. Reno lumbers around with his comic look of longing, though, and that's enough to keep the picture afloat. — M. Pols. (R: some violence.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. **C+**

"WHITE OLEANDER": Michelle Pfeiffer, Robin Wright Penn and Renee Zellweger star in this adaptation of Janet Fitch's best-selling novel. At the heart is Alison Lohman, a teen whose life is set into turmoil after her mother (Pfeiffer) goes to prison for murder. There's a reason this isn't as good as its four stars: It preaches a false feminism. At its core, "White Oleander" is an updated form of romance novel, clad in a tasteful cover instead of something featuring a ripped bodice, but nonetheless as filled with fallacy and fantasy. — M. Pols. (PG-13: mature thematic elements concerning dysfunctional relationships, drug content, language, sexuality and violence.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. **B**

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Jules Broussard, Bing Nathan, Ned Boynton, Oct. 24.

Joshi Marshall, Oct. 25.

Post Junk Trio, Oct. 26.

Free, Thursday, 8:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9:30 p.m. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-649-3810.

FELLOWSHIP CAFE — Nancy Schimmel, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

\$5 to \$10. 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley, 510-540-0898

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — Garnet Rogers, Oct. 18, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Peter Case, Oct. 19, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Judy Fjell, Betsy Rose, Oct. 20, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Mark Schatz, Oct. 23, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Pierre Bensussan, Oct. 24, \$17.50 to \$18.50.

Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin, Oct. 25, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Bob Franke, Oct. 26, \$15.50 to \$16.50.

Gordon Bok, Oct. 27, \$16.50 to \$17.50.

Music starts at 8 p.m. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley, 510-548-1781 or 510-762-BASS or www.freightandsalvage.org

THE GREEK THEATRE — Jack Johnson, G. Love and Special Sauce, Oct. 18, 8 p.m.

Jack Johnson, G. Love and Special Sauce, Alana Davis, Oct. 20, 3 p.m.

String Cheese Incident, Dar Williams, Oct. 25 and Oct. 26, 7 p.m. \$29.75.

Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley, 510-444-TXIS, (415) 421-TXIS, stx.com or ticketmaster.com

LA PENNA CULTURAL CENTER — "Celebrating the Memory of Che," Oct. 18, 8 p.m. \$15.

Charanson, Oct. 19, 9:30 p.m. \$12.

Elicura Chihuahua, Oct. 20, 7 p.m. \$8.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-849-2568 or www.lapenna.org

924 GILMAN STREET — The Influents, Solea, The Flipside, The Mercy Mile, The Americas, Oct. 18.

Scissorhands, For the Crown, Ten Grand, Life Long Tragedy, The Creeps, Oct. 19.

Bonfire Madigan, I Was A Teenage Serial Killer, Hello Guerilla, Oct. 25.

Plan 9. Dead Poetic, Man Alive, Dis-members, Oct. 27, 5 p.m.

Iron Vegan, Hall Satan, The Lord Weird Slough Feg, Impaled, Oct. 27.

For all ages. Shows are \$5 unless otherwise noted. Shows begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows at 5 p.m. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley, 510-525-9926.

OAKLAND CITY CENTER NOONTIME SERIES — The Oakland Opera Theater, Oct. 23, noon.

Free, 510-628-8490 or www.oaklandcity-center.com

OAKLAND METRO — Bangs, The Curtains, Crimson Sweet, Burning Star Core, Oct. 20, 9 p.m. \$6.

Porch, Shmoogle, Sinombre, Oct. 24.

Old Time Relijun, Oct. 27.

Shows are \$6 and begin at 9 p.m. unless noted otherwise. All ages. 201 Broadway, Jack London Square, Oakland, 510-763-1146.

PARAMOUNT THEATER — Ani DiFranco, Utah Phillips, Toshi Reagon, Oct. 25 and Oct. 26, 8 p.m.

\$33.50. 2025 Broadway, Oakland, 925-685-TXIS, 510-625-TXIS, (415) 421-TXIS or www.ticketmaster.com

THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Ian Moore, Sonya Hunter, Blu Sanders, Oct. 18, \$6.

Casino Royale, DJ California Kid, Oct. 19, \$8.

Dance Class and Ceili, Oct. 21, Free.

Rebecca Gates, Sally Timms, Oct. 24, 9:30 p.m. \$8.

"Third Annual Evening of Murder Ballads and Songs of Despair," Oct. 25, 9:30 p.m. \$6.

Drums and Tuba, That One Guy, Oct. 26, 9:30 p.m. \$8.

The Starry Irish Music Session, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.

For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-841-2082.

TRADER VIC'S EMERYVILLE — Jazz at 5, ongoing. With Claudio Medeiros and Carlos Oliveira.

No cover. Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. Trader Vic's Emeryville, 9 Anchor Drive, Emeryville, 510-653-3400

YOSHI'S — Arturo Sandoval, through Oct. 20, \$18 to \$22.

Bump, Oct. 21 through Oct. 23, \$16.

Hiroshima, Oct. 24 through Oct. 27, \$20 to \$24.

Sunday matinees are \$5 per child and \$10 per adult with one child. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland, 510-238-9200 or www.yoshis.com or www.tickets.com

ZELLERBACH HALL — Raffi, Oct. 20, 3 p.m.

\$20.25. University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley

CLASSICAL MUSIC

THE BERKELEY COLLEGIUM MUSICUM — "Music from Mantua," Oct. 25, 8 p.m. A program of works by Monteverdi, Rossi, Farina and Buonamente.

\$12 general; \$8 students, seniors and handicapped persons; no one turned away for lack of funds. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley, 510-549-3864.

CALIFORNIA BACH SOCIETY — "Sagittariana," Oct. 18, 8 p.m. A program of works by Schutz

\$25 general; \$18 seniors; \$12 students. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, (415) 262-0272 or www.caibach.org

CAL PERFORMANCES — "Burhan Ocal and the Istanbul Oriental Ensemble," Oct. 25, 8 p.m. Guest artists Ibrahim Halli Camli, violin and flute; Ekrem Bagl, darbuka; Alattin Coskun, kanun; Ahyar Birol, clarinet; Huseyin Bitmez, oud. A program of traditional and modern Turkish music. In Zellerbach Hall, \$18 to \$30.

"California Festival of Son 2002," Oct. 26, 8 p.m. A program of traditional Mexican songs. In Zellerbach Hall, \$18 to \$30.

Colloquium, Oct. 25, 4 p.m. A round-table discussion of musicians and scholars followed by a community fandango. In the Seaborg Room of Faculty Club. Free.

Sightlines, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. Pre-performance talk by Festival Artistic Director Artemio Posadas. In Zellerbach Hall. Free to ticketholders.

Isabel Bayrakdarian, soprano, Oct. 27, 3 p.m. Guest artist: Martin Katz, piano. A program of works by Tchaikovsky, Granados, Barber, Vivaldi, Hovhanness, Gnatchatyan and Khachaturian. In Hertz Hall, \$42.

University of California, Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way and College Avenue 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu

EMPYREAN ENSEMBLE — Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Guest artists: Thalia Moore, cello; Ellen Ruth Rose, viola; Terre Baune, violin; Tod Brody, flute; Peter Joshoff, clarinet. A program of works by Tower, Sanford and Messiaen.

\$10 to \$18. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley, (916) 766-2277 or http://music.ucdavis.edu/empyrean

INSTITUTO PRO MUSICA DE CALIFORNIA — "Turning Point," Juan Pedro Gaffney Jr. conducting, Oct. 27, 4 p.m. Marcos Ramon Hernandez, tenor; John Kendall Bailey, baritone. A program of sacred music.

\$20 general; \$15 students and seniors; children 16 and under free. United Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave., Berkeley, (415) 431-4234 or www.corohispano.org

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY — "Beethoven Spectacular," Gregory Magie Conducting, Oct. 18, 8 p.m. Guest artist: William Corbett-Jones, piano. A program of works by Beethoven.

\$5 general; \$3 students and seniors. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley, (415) 338-2467.

DANCE

CAL PERFORMANCES — "Bill T

Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company," Oct. 18 and Oct. 19, 8 p.m. A visionary fusion of dance and music featuring The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center in a performance that includes "Verbun" set to Beethoven, "World II" set to Kurtág and "Black Suzanne" set to Shostakovich.

"Sightline," Oct. 18 and Oct. 19 immediately following the performances.

\$24 to \$46. 101 Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Berkeley, 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu

EAGLES HALL ZYDECO CAJUN DANCES — Dance lesson, 8 p.m.; concert and dance, 9 p.m. \$11 to \$13.

2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda, (415) 285-6285 or ddesmone home.mind-spring.com/Eagles/content-eagles.html

THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB — "Dance Class & Ceili," Mondays, 7 p.m. Traditional Irish music and dance.

"The Starry Session," Sundays, 8 p.m. Irish traditional music and song led by Shay Black. Sliding scale.

For age 21 and over. Dance lesson at 7 p.m.; music at 9 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-841-2082.

OUTDOORS

CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER — "Jaws of San Francisco Bay," Oct. 19, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Discover the underwater world of sharks through slides, stories and a craft. Registration required. \$2.

"Trees Inside and Out," Oct. 19, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Examine tree cookies, become a leaf detective and discover the goodness of trees. Ages five and up.

"Estuary Extravaganza," Oct. 19, 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. An indoor and outdoor smorgasbord of estuary excitement. Ages 10 and up. \$5 to \$7.

"Treasure Trackers," Oct. 20, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Discover how to identify animal clues. \$5 to \$7.

"Nature Cinema," Oct. 20, Oct. 26 and Oct. 27. Enjoy a collection of nature videos in the Old Wharf Classroom. Oct. 20, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to noon; Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Sea Siblings: Spiders," Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to noon. For ages 3 to 5 years old. Each class provides outdoor exploration and a theme-related craft. Reservations required. \$3.

"Estuary Explorers: Spiders," Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. For ages 6 to 8. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.

"Cattails N'Turtles," Oct. 26, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Explore the watery world of the pond and its inhabitants.

"Halloween Campfire Program," Oct. 26, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A nature walk and expanded campfire program with

Halloween nature songs and stories. \$6 to \$8.

"Night Vision," Oct. 27, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Discover the myths and legends surrounding the night and its inhabitants.

Free unless noted otherwise. Registration required. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda, 510-521-8887.

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE — Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion.

Tours of the Mansion, Wednesday, 11 a.m. to noon. Docents will lead visitors on a guided tour of the 37-room mansion and the estate's historic landscaping. Wear low-heeled shoes; no high heels allowed in the mansion. \$5 general; \$4 seniors, free children age 13 and under.

GROUND — The 50 acres of gardens and grounds at the mansion are open to the public. Free Self-Guided Grounds Tour maps are available at Dinkelspiel House. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, 925-275-9490 or 510-615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org

EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT —

"Over the Edge: Offshore Safari," Oct. 19, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ride the brand new catamaran Adventure Cat II to explore Cordell Bank, the Farallon Islands or Pioneer Canyon. Ages 12 and up. Registration required. 925-757-2620. \$78 to \$86.

"Tree Planting Day," Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help plant trees in the Regional Parks. Locations vary. 510-544-2907 or 510-544-2515.

"Wednesday Hike Workouts," Oct. 23, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. A fitness workout with challenging hills and varying terrains, including a discussion of health and sports nutrition and more. Locations vary. 510-636-1684. \$12 to \$14.

"Wednesday Walks," Oct. 23, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A strenuous hike while learning about the natural and human history of the Morgan Territory. Distance: 4 miles. 510-796-0199.

"Enough To Make You Bat-ty," Oct. 23, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn about these cave-dwelling critters that are so helpful. Locations vary.

"Intro to Bay Paddling," Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Paddlers with some experience will focus on individual paddling skills at the Martin Luther King Jr. Shoreline. Ages 10 and up. \$85 to \$95.

"Sailing: Where the River Meets the Bay," Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the brand new Adventure Catamaran, a catamaran, a carousal, miniature train, a carousel, grounds and a gift shop. Animals in site-specific enclosures allow them to roam freely.

"The African Savannah," Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A mixed-animal savanna and a Savannah exhibit, the Ma (Place of the Elephant) exhibit, giraffes, chimpanzees, and 330 other animals from around the world. "Simba Park," Swaziland, a spacious 1.5-acre, featuring both a savanna and setting for African lions.

"The Past," an anthropological showcasing 4 million years of evolution and an actual site of the first hominids to emerge from Africa. "Sun Bay," state-of-the-art space that opened for its two new beams, mangland island, a state-of-the-art free area that emulates the native tropical rain forest.

"Lunch Brunch with Animals," 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All animals, reptiles and birds. 510-632-9525, ext. 10.

"Behind the Scenes," Oct. 24, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Learn about the take care of the animals. 510-632-9525, ext. 10.

"The Natural and Unnatural Treasure and Yerba Buena," Oct. 24, 7 p.m. A reception with Ruth Gravano, the Treasure Islands Wetland.

"Boo at the Zoo," Oct. 27, 10 p.m. Celebrate Halloween, rade, trick-or-treating and more.

\$7.50 general; \$4.50 seniors; children age 2 to 14; free child age 2; \$3 parking fee. Oak 4 p.m. Knowland Park, 37th Road exit off Interstate 58. Oakland, 510-632-9525 or landzoo.org

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2520 Mountain Blvd., Oakland (510) 531-0400

Cesare's is one of Oakland's elegant Italian restaurants located in the Oakland East Bay Hills. Dine in the relaxing atmosphere with a fireplace and beautiful fountains in the gardens viewed by each table. The owners, Oscar & Doris, are in their 5th year of service and take great pride in offering specialties such as tender Veal Scaloppini, Veal Parmigiana, Italian Pot Roast and Homemade Cannelloni with Roma. They offer a full bar that opens at 4:00 p.m. and banquet facilities. Reservations recommended. VS MC AE \$S

Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant

300 - 29th Avenue, Oakland (510) 261-1621

Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. For over 30 years the restaurant has been located adjacent to the Park Street Bridge overlooking the Alameda/Oakland estuary. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials, and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good homestyle cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the popular earlybird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water and there is plenty of free parking. The Pier is open 7 days a week. Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Bar Hours: Mon. - Thu. 11 a.m. - 11 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 12 a.m.

Sergio's Trattoria

5299 College Ave., Oakland (510) 655-2869

Dining is only part of what makes Sergio's such an outstanding restaurant. The waiters always take time to chat with patrons and help determine personal tastes and food preferences - extra garlic, light but spicy decadent. Regular patrons trust the waiter's choice and don't even look at the menu. Seafood, pasta, chicken, meat, even wild boar are featured; plus creative daily specials (with gourmet descriptions). Wild game a specialty - wild boar, antelope, elk. Every weekend they feature crab cioppino. "The food tastes good because it's made with extra amore." Newly decorated, Sergio's is lovelier than ever. Whether you dine inside or in the heated outdoor patio, it's an intimate setting with easy listening Italian background music. VS, MC, \$S

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notice), advances, if any under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trustee created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$149,229.74. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Deed of Trust to be recorded in the county where the real property is located Date October 11, 2002. First American Lenders Advantage, LoanStar Mortgage Services, L.L.C., 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Ricardo Juarez For Trustee's Sale information please call 916-387-7728. LoanStar Mortgage Services, L.L.C., 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 250, Addison, Texas 75001. LoanStar Mortgage Services, L.L.C., is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose only. PURSUANT TO 2002907100021, 10/11/02, 10/18/02, 10/25/02, CHS-449651# 1027. Legal The Journal #1026. Publish October 11, 18, 25, 2002.

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registered by the following owner(s): Dore M. Grant 3400 Richmond Pkwy Richmond, CA 94806 This business is hereby registered by an individual. a/ Dore M. Grant This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 20, 2002. Expires September 27, 2002. Legal The Journal #1032. Publish September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2002.

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This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nancy Trullio 795 Watson Canyon Ct 952 San Ramon, CA 94583 This business is hereby registered by an individual. a/ Nancy Trullio This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 24, 2002. Expires September 27, 2002. Legal The Journal #1033. Publish October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2002.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT The name of the business SAVVIEE is located at 1010 Valley Rd., Kennerington, CA 94707. This business is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nicole Santiago 2015 Carlucci Ave El Cerrito, CA 94530 This business is conducted by an individual. a/ Nicole Santiago This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on September 20, 2002. Expires September 24, 2002. Legal The Journal #1033. Publish October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2002.

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LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE — EXHIBITS —

"Elephants!" through Jan. 12. An interactive tour of 50 million years of elephant history including modules for touch and feel, electronic multimedia and video and audio stations.

"Larger Than Life," 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Short presentations about elephants.

"Elephant Tails," 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Storytelling for youngsters about elephants.

\$7 general; \$5 seniors, students, disabled, and youths age 7 to 18; \$3 children age 3 to 5; free children age 2 and younger. Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Centennial Drive, University of California, Berkeley, 510-642-5132 or www.lhs.berkeley.edu

CODY'S BOOKSTORES — Sandra Cisneros, Oct. 26, 8 p.m. The author reads from "Caramelo," benefiting La Galería de la Raza. At the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, 10.

TELEGRAPH AVENUE — Adam Sisman, Oct. 18, The author discusses "Boswell's Presumptuous Task: The Making of the Life of Dr. Johnson."

Reginald Zelnick, William Rorabaugh, Max Elbaum, Oct. 18, 6 p.m. The authors lead the discussion "Looking at the 60s From a New Century."

Daniel Mason, Oct. 21. The author reads from "The Piano Tuner."

Lettie Cottin Pogrebin, Oct. 22. The author discusses "Three Daughters."

2454 Telegraph Ave. 510-845-7852.

FOURTH STREET — Jeremiah Tower, Oct. 18, 7 p.m. The author talks about "Jeremiah Tower Cooks."

Anne Lamott, Oct. 24, 7 p.m. The author reads from "Blue Shoe."

Jamie Oliver, Oct. 25, 7 p.m. The author and chef presents "Happy Days With the Naked Chef Live!" and demonstrates cooking techniques.

David Downie, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. The author reads from "Cooking the Roman Way."

International Women's Writing Group, Oct. 27, 4 p.m. The featured reader is Marguerite Rigoglietti.

1730 Fourth Street, 510-559-9500.

Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley.

OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY — MAIN LIBRARY — "Louder Than Words," through Oct. 31. An exhibition of rare Black Panther photographs.

SPECIAL EVENTS —

"Displaced and on the Streets on Oakland," through Oct. 31. An exhibition of photographs. Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Third Street Grind Cafe and gallery, 464 Third St. Free.

"A Grapes of Wrath Panel Discussion and Concert," Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m. A panel of Oakland-based cultural and political leaders will be on hand to discuss Steinbeck's classic.

"The Grapes of Wrath," Oct. 22, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. teens watch and discuss the film. Spanish Speaking Citizen Foundation, 1470 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland.

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Call for unlisted price. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 510-548-6914.

"A CHEF'S DELIGHT" — Oct. 20, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. A food and wine tasting from over 40 restaurants, caterers and bakeries. A benefit for the American Cancer Society and the Wa Sung Charity Fund. \$40 to \$50. Oakland Rotunda Building, 300 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, 510-869-2589 or www.wasungser-vicelab.org

THE FIFTH ANNUAL LOVE LIFE WEEK — Oct. 20 through Oct. 26. A series of programs with a message to youth to value life and help stop violence in their communities.

Oct. 20: Gospel Concert, 3 p.m. At Calvin Simmons Theater, 10 10th St., Oakland. \$15 general; \$12 students and seniors.

Oct. 20: Comedy Show, 7:30 p.m. Featuring Ms. Laura Hayes. At Calvin Simmons Theater, 10 10th St., Oakland. \$20 general; \$18 students and seniors.

Oct. 21: "Awards Ceremony." Call for times and locations.

Oct. 22: "Random Acts of Kindness." Call for times and locations.

Oct. 24 and Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.: "Legacy for LoEshe," a play written and performed by Oakland students. At Expression Center for New Media, 6601 Shellmound St., Emeryville.

510-ONE-LOVE.

UC BERKELEY —

"Ersatz Ditties: Adriana Ferrarese's Sussanna," Oct. 25, 4:30 p.m. 2002 Black Lecturer Roger Parker will talk about his work centered on Italian opera of the 19th century.

Free. Morrison Hall, College Avenue and Bancroft Way, UC Berkeley Campus, Berkeley, 510-642-2678.

MUSEUMS

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY — "Golden Road to Freedom: The African Legacy in California, 1775-1900," ongoing. An exhibit focusing on the role that people of African descent played in later expeditions and settlements before the annexation of California.

"The West Oakland Senior Citizen Oral History Project," ongoing. This visual and oral exhibit captures the history of some of West Oakland's senior treasures. Featured are 51 black-and-white photographs and recorded conversations, including ones by Dr. Marcella Ford, Ruth Beckford, Anthony Martinez, and Alonzo Fields.

Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. 659 14th St., Oakland, 510-637-0200 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

EBONY MUSEUM OF ARTS — A museum specializing in the art and history of Africa. The collection, which was on display in the museum's Jack London Village branch, has been incorporated with the material in the 14th Street Victorian Museum building, the site of the original museum.

Free admission; \$2 guided tour. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1034 14th St., Oakland, 510-763-0141.

THE MAGNES MUSEUM — "Hidden in the Walls: The Time Capsule from San Francisco's Lost Sanctuary," Oct. 27 through Feb. 16, 2003. Inspired by a recent discovery of a time capsule, the exhibition reveals the untold story of a pioneer congregation and the spirit of a changing city.

"Stephanie Snyder: Hamakon (The Place)," Oct. 27 through Feb. 16. A mixed-media installation examining the intersection of sacred space, religious practice and historical memory.

"Sharing the Screen: Israelis and Palestinians in the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival," Oct. 27 through Feb. 16. A cinematic exhibition featuring a dozen film excerpts exploring Jewish-Arab and Israeli-Palestinian themes.

\$4 adults; \$3 students and seniors; children under 12 free. Monday through Thursday, noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, (415) 591-8800 or www.magnesmuseum.org

MILLS COLLEGE ART MUSEUM — "Above and Below Sea Level," Oct. 22 through Nov. 3. Works by Sven Atema.

"Edge," closing Oct. 20. An exhibition of works by Young Kim.

"Smoldering Relations," closing Oct. 20. Works by Inhan Oh.

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MUSEE DES HOMMAGES — "Masterworks Copies by Guy Colwell," ongoing. A new museum of masterwork recreations of famous European paintings handpainted by master California artist Colwell. The paintings, which cover a wide spectrum of European paintings from Van Eyck in the 15th century to Picasso in the 20th century, are full-scale, faithful copies of works by famous artists of the past, created in an attempt to understand the secrets of these great artists. The museum does not have regular hours so call ahead when planning a visit.

Free. 2028 9th St., Berkeley, 510-841-4210 or www.atelier9.com

THE OAKLAND MUSEUM OF CALIFORNIA — "Espiritu Sin Fronteras: Offensives for the Days of the Dead," through Dec. 1. The museum's 9th annual exhibition of arts created by various artists, community groups and students in celebration of the Mexican and Mexican American tradition of "Los Dias de los Muertos, Days of the Dead." The exhibition examines the practice of this tradition in California and its influence on contemporary artists exploring new forms of expression.

"California's Closet: From Flapper to Rap," through March 2. The exhibit explores how California's cultural diversity, entertainment industry and leisure lifestyle impact the nation's clothing styles, from decorated hippie jeans to alluring Hollywood dresses.

"Solo Flights: The Aerial Photographs of Robert Hartman," through Jan. 12. Featuring twenty-five photographs taken from 1,000 feet above ground utilizing exotic colors, abstract geometry, and infrared color film.

"State of Emergency: Disaster Response in California," through March 30. An exhibition offering a historical overview of disasters beginning with the 1906 San Francisco. The exhibit includes Maggie Hallahan's photography, recovered objects, maps, and emergency response equipment.

"The Rustler Ranch Mastodon Project," ongoing. Visitors are invited to watch staff members of the Natural Sciences Department prepare a nearly complete mastodon for exhibit. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS — Free with museum admission unless noted otherwise

"Community Celebration," Oct. 20, noon to 4 p.m. Music, performances, food, a Mercado, and hands-on activities to celebrate Dias de los Muertos.

"Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the museum's collection on videodisks in the History Department Library.

TOURS — "Bike Tours of Historic Oakland," Oct. 20. A leisurely ride focusing on architecture and history. Distance: 5 miles. Reservations, call 510-238-3514

"Grand Island Mansion and Sacramento Delta," Oct. 27. A day trip with the museum. 510-525-1946.

Docent Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

Art at a Carte, ongoing. Art docents offer a variety of specialized tours focusing on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; second Sundays are free to all. Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Friday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 1000 Oak St., Oakland, (888) OAK-MUSE or www.museumca.org

THE PARDEE HOME MUSEUM — The historic Pardee Mansion, a three-story Italianate villa built in 1868, was home to three generations of the Pardee family who were instrumental in the civic and cultural development of California and Oakland. The home includes the house, grounds, water tower and barn. Reservations recommended.

"Halloween at the Mansion," Oct. 26, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A safe and spirited experience for kids and families that includes the Autopsy Room tour, a spirit séance, a Costume Contest and free popcorn and cotton candy. \$13 adults; \$7 children under 12.

\$5 general; free children under age 12. House Tours: Friday and Saturday, noon. 672 11th St., Oakland, 510-444-2187 or www.pardeehome.org

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE — "Family Classics," through Oct. 20. A selection of films that adults and kids can share.

"Rob Nilsson: Fiercely Independent," through Oct. 24. A selection of films showcasing the filmmaker's use of electronic image-making and cutting-edge style.

"Rob Nilsson Selects: The Films of John Cassavetes," through Oct. 25. A homage to the director Nilsson says "shows immediate human behavior along with a deep rendering of character."

"Cinemath," through Oct. 27. Mathematics will present each of the math-related films in this series, providing an in-depth view of how everyone's favorite subject is portrayed in cinema.

"Weird America," through Oct. 30. A seven-part series highlighting people with uncommon occupations, strange pastimes and curious obsessions.

"Alternative Visions," through Oct. 22. Various unusual and experimental films.

"Chinese Transnational Cinema: Ang Lee and King Hu," through Oct. 28. This series traces the links between the two directors.

"Trials and Film," through Oct. 28. A film-lecture course concerned with how cinema represents legal trials. With Carol Clover, Professor of Rhetoric and Scandinavian.

Single feature: \$7 adults; \$4.50 seniors, disabled, children under age 12; \$1.50 additional features. Call for times. PFA Theater 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 510-642-5249 or www.bampfa.berkeley.edu

UC BERKELEY HEARST MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY — "A Century of Collecting," through 2002. An exhibit honoring the first 100 years of the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Museum of Anthropology which has been closed for a complete renovation. The exhibit, drawn from 3.8 million objects collected over a century, contains 700 objects dating back to 4000 B.C. and includes documentary field notes, photographs and maps used by anthropologists who collected many of the objects. "Native California Cultures," ongoing. This is a permanent exhibit of some 500 artifacts from the museum's California collections, the largest in the world devoted to California Indian cultures. \$2 general, \$1 seniors; \$0.50 youths age 16 and under; free on Thursdays for all.

Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley, 510-643-643-1193, ext. 4 or www.qal.berkeley.edu/~hearst/

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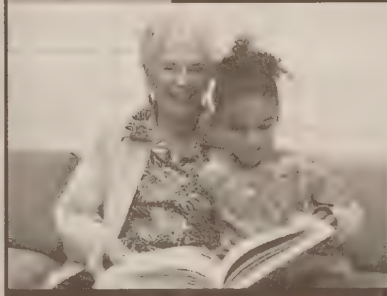
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Classic

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"I first saw the Packard at a car show in 1969," Johnson recalls. "It was painted dark blue at the time and I fell in love with it then."

Although the color had changed, the interior remained original. Much of the car's history is uncertain; however, Johnson believes it left the factory wearing a coat of olive green.

The black fenders now highlight a red body. Inside each of the four doors is a leather pocket for storage.

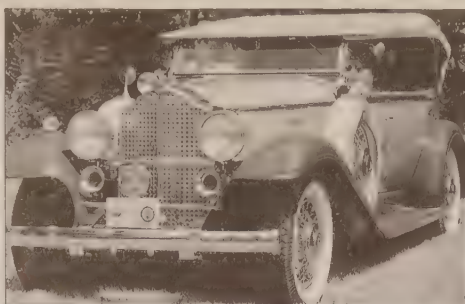
Beneath the oak bows supporting the top, the driver sits behind the four-spoke, hard-rubber steering wheel.

Two levers sprout from the floor, one at each of the driver's knees. On the left is the hand brake and to the right is the gearshift.

Johnson has continued to improve the 3,745-pound car. The wood graining on the compartment on the back of the front seat was matched to the original.

Upon entering the car through any of the four doors, you'll find on the running board a metal step plate with a built-in foot scraper. It's an unusual accommodation today, although a welcome one in 1928 when unpaved roads were shared with horses.

A radiator stone guard was an optional extra as were the cowl lights. Johnson reports an unex-



MOTOR MATTERS

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pected problem with the latter. "When turned on," he said, "they reflect light off the back of the chrome headlights."

Under the feet of the front-seat passengers the toe board is cast aluminum while the floor is covered with battleship linoleum. The 6.75x32-inch tires on eight-lug disc steel wheels support a 133-inch wheelbase.

The rear-passenger compartment, however, is carpeted. There are no luggage accommodations.

Mechanically speaking, the Packard is equipped with a Bijur lubricating system. With a single pull on the dash-mounted handle, 30 separate points on the chassis are lubricated, including the clutch throwout bearing.

The speedometer on the powerful Packard tops out at 100 mph,

even though factory literature indicates that 70 mph is all the driver can expect. After all, it is a 19-foot-long, 6-foot-tall car about as aerodynamic as a brick. Johnson reports a highway mileage figure of about 12 per gallon.

A standard oil filter was new in 1928 and the cylinders were oiled when the choke was pulled out. This prevented a rich gasoline mixture from washing oil off the cylinder walls.

"The car cruises at 45 mph to 55 mph easily," Johnson said. "It is limited by its antiquated brakes. 'One must be watchful and not tailgate.'"

If you have a vehicle of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Motor Matters, 4635 Bailey Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808-4109 detailing its merits.

Keane

FROM PAGE D1

inch alloy wheels, AM/FM stereo CD/cassette with an automatic transmission can run as high as \$16,475, including shipping and handling.

Considering the overall quality of this car, that's a bargain. For those with more money to spend, OnStar is available.

Other noteworthy features include an oil life monitor, automatic headlights and speed sensitive windshield wipers — features usually relegated to expensive cars.

And the large trunk is a selling point. So are the full-size glove compartment and storage pockets on the doors, plus storage bins convenient to the driver's seat.

Even though the overall appearance is attractive, for those who want to make their own statement, Saturn has ION kits with inter-

changeable exterior roof rails that can be color-coordinated with interior trim kits.

A 2.2-liter inline four-cylinder engine powers the ION. It produces 140 horsepower and 145 pounds-feet of torque.

The sedan with the manual transmission has an EPA rating of 26 city and 29 highway.

Statistics aside, I found the power quite adequate no matter what type of roads I was driving.

Saturn has also included the full complement of safety equipment so it doesn't fall short in this area either.

All in all, the ION should make a lifetime impression on anyone young or old.

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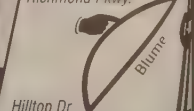
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ABS? Once it goes on, why would it go off if I restart the car? The dealership said they would charge me almost \$100 just to figure out what the problem is. That reeks of an opportunity for them to tell me just about anything. Is there a reliable way to get brakes checked? Do I need to go to a dealer for this?

John Madison, Seattle

A Your Explorer's ABS warning-light functions similarly to its check-engine and air bag malfunction indicator lights. During start-up, a preliminary check is run of circuits and components, and if all is well, the warning lamp is turned off after about three seconds. If the brake pedal was depressed during start-up, the test is delayed until the vehicle reaches 4 mph. Additional tests are run as certain operating conditions occur. As many as 14 different faults might be identified during start-up, and an

additional 10 as the Explorer is driven. Whenever a fault is present, ABS operation is suspended, but you regularly aren't affected. The Explorer's ABS fault occurs intermittently, but there should be a DTC (diagnostic trouble code) stored in memory. This should quickly narrow the search to a specific circuit. The trick will be to induce the problem long enough to determine the exact cause. The fault could be a poor connection at a component, the component itself or a fault elsewhere in the related circuit.

Today's vehicles often require more time to diagnose a problem than to fix it. As an example, it could take several hours to induce and identify an intermittent fault, and perhaps only a few moments to make the repair. With the high cost of many ABS components, I'd prefer to buy a reasonable amount of diagnostic time, and perhaps a connector repair, than an unneeded component. There are many independent shops and brake specialty shops that are qualified to make ABS repairs, as well as the dealer.

In either case I'd ask if the technician that will be servicing your vehicle is ASE certified in brake systems, and what kind of training he/she has in ABS and electrical systems diagnosis. Equipment and software also are important, as well as access to a technical assistance network. Any reputable shop should, upon completion of the work, provide you with a written diagnosis of the problem, including the DTC, the exact cause and corrections made. DTCs are great for the technician, narrowing the search area, and good for the customer, reducing the chance of a "shotgun" diagnosis.





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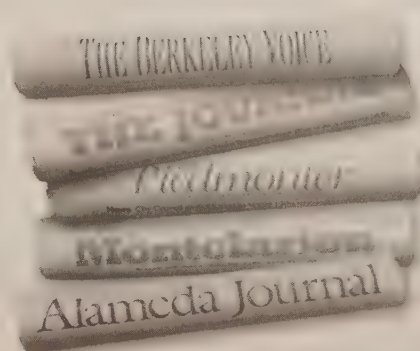
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Manager	\$4,809-\$5,905 per month	October 18, 2002
Officer Trainee	\$4,225 per month	October 18, 2002
Communications Supervisor	\$5,048-\$6,198 per month	October 18, 2002
Police Inspector	\$20.35-\$24.98 per hour	October 25, 2002
Police Officer	\$27.82-\$30.70 per hour	October 25, 2002
Police Assistant	\$4,809-\$5,905 per month	October 25, 2002
Communications Dispatcher	\$23.52-\$26.02 per hour	October 25, 2002
Police Technician	\$18.02-\$22.11 per hour	October 25, 2002
Police Officer	\$21.33-\$26.19 per hour	November 1, 2002
Law Enforcement Program Planner	\$4,809-\$5,905 per month	November 8, 2002
Police Manager (ELDE)	\$3,956-\$4,857 per month	November 8, 2002
Police Area Manager (ASM II)	\$5,600-\$6,300 per month	Open Until Filled
Police Analyst III	\$81,214-\$99,724 per year	Open Until Filled
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Police Engineer I	\$3,883-\$4,766 per month	Continuous
Police Officer	\$20.12-\$24.71 per hour	Continuous
Police Officer	\$56,363-\$69,540 per year	Continuous

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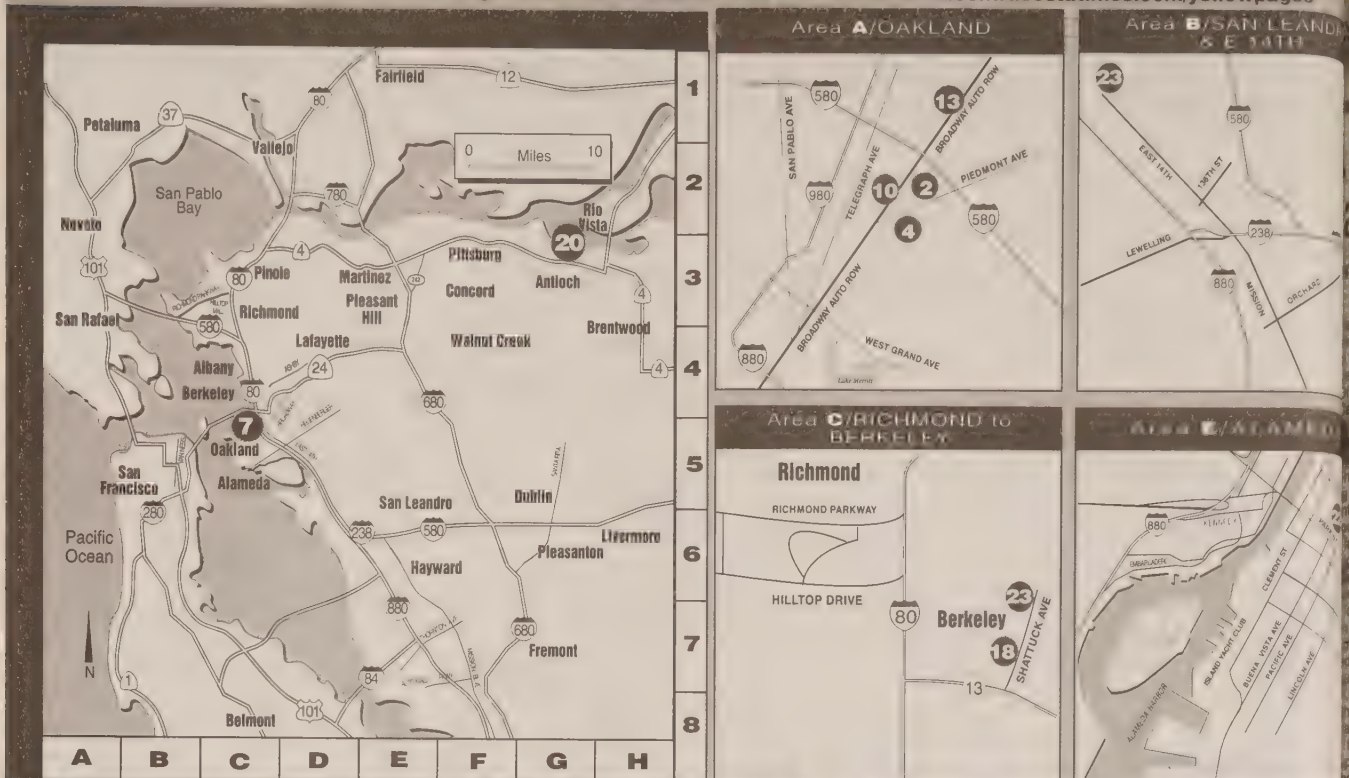
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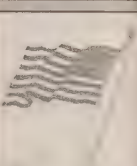


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Sight for hungry eyes: Bundt cakes don't fit the traditional mold

BY JOANNE KEMPINGER
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Have you ever flipped an 8-inch cake onto a serving platter, only to find the pan and heard a collective "ahhh!" from family or guests? Of course not.

Bundt cakes baked in most standard molds might taste great, but they're not always easy to look at. Bundt cakes are another story. They command attention by towering over their square or circular counterparts, and they look great without even a stitch of frosting. And once it, they've got curves in all the right places.

Joanna Ross, executive assistant at Nordic Ware, said the Bundt pan was created by her firm in 1950. Members of the Minneapolis-based Hadassah Society, the owner and founder H. David Johnson, wanted to make a special pan for

the group. The group wanted a pan that was heavy iron "kugelhof" style, but had been sent to the president by her grandmother in Europe. They called the pan "Bundt" because it was the chocolate flavor, or the magic of the way that the soft tunnel formed in the cake. It captured America's interest and as a result interest was generated in the Bundt pan.

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Interest in the pan also increased after the recipe was featured on the cover of the Bake-Off Cookbook that same year, and again a few years later when Pillsbury created a line of

a recipe for "Old Plantation Pound Cake" baked in the Nordic Ware mold. "Consumers took note of the uniquely shaped pan" and sales increased.

Due to the interest, Dalquist applied for and received a trademark for the pan and changed the name to Bundt.

Ross said the change was made because whenever the women from Hadassah referred to the pan, the name sounded more like Bundt than Bund because of their accents.

The original name, "Bundt," means "gathering or group," Ross said, noting that the women's group made these cakes for traditional family gatherings.

Today, the generic term for the Bundt pan is "fluted tube pan."

Sales soared in 1986 when Ell Rite Heflich of Houston won second place in the Pillsbury Bake-Off for her Tunnel of Fudge Cake made in a Bundt pan.

Attention-getter

Marlene Johnson, senior public relations manager for the Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest, said "there was something about that recipe ... whether it was the chocolate flavor, or the magic of the way that the soft tunnel formed in the cake. It captured America's interest and as a result interest was generated in the Bundt pan."

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Bundt cake mixes. Those mixes are no longer available.

Kathy Severson, national sales manager for Nordic Ware, said in 1972 the Bundt pan was found to be the most popular baking mold in America, and the line of Bundt cake mixes by Pillsbury "proved to be one of the most successful new product introductions in Pillsbury's history," at that time.

With more than 45 million in use, the Bundt pan remains the most popular baking mold in America," she added.

Not just a cake pan

It didn't take long before Bake-Off entries made in Bundt pans were submitted regularly, but not all of them were cakes, Johnson said.

"One of the grand prize winners in 1976 was a recipe called Crescent Caramel swirl. It was actually a coffee cake made with refrigerated crescent dinner rolls and baked in a Bundt pan."

Ross said over the years she has seen foods other than cakes made in the Bundt. They include entrees, salads, breads, even meat loaf.

She believes some consumers like making cakes in Bundt pans because they need little frosting. Due to the elegant shapes and details of the cakes, glazes or other options work better than frosting.

"People are very health conscious now and they are trying to shy away from lots of frosting. You can dust it with a little powdered sugar, lay some fruit around it and it's beautiful."

Johnson said consumers like the pan for special occasions because it produces large, attractive cakes, but they also can be decorated simply.

"You can mix up a warm glaze and pour it over the bottom of the cake before the cake is unmolded. The cake gets a wonderful moist



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coating on the bottom and the glaze seeps down into the mold. Then, when you invert it, there is glaze over the whole cake," she said.

Heavy-duty cake

She said any cake can be made in a Bundt pan, but heavy cakes best show the pans' designs.

Severson said the original Bundt pan held 12 cups. Neither the design nor the size of that pan has changed, but the company does make a variety of designs in different sizes, including 10 cups.

To fill a Bundt pan high enough to capture all the details in the pan's design, cooks can use 1 1/2 cake

mixes, increasing the eggs, water and oil proportionately.

Decorative pans should generally be filled two-thirds full and the batter should rise to the very top of the pan. If the batter rises too high and rounds over the top of the pan, use a serrated knife to even it off so the cake sits flat on a serving platter, she said.

She said most homemade cake recipes fit the 10-cup pans perfectly, but that there are exceptions. The "from-scratch pound cake is too big for a 10-cup pan, but fits the 12-cup pan nicely."

In the '70s, Nordic Ware came out with smaller versions of the orig-

inal Bundt pan followed by the Bundt muffin pan, a 6-cavity pan that yields jumbo muffins with fluted edges.

Other pans followed, including loaf pans and mini-Bundt pans. Today Bundt pans can be found in 1-, 6-, 10-, 11- or 12-cup sizes. Severson estimated the firm makes about 20 different styles of Bundt pans.

Coming up roses

The newest release is the Rose Bundt, a pan that produces a cake that looks like an unfolding rose. It is priced at \$30 and holds 10 cups of batter. It is being shipped to local

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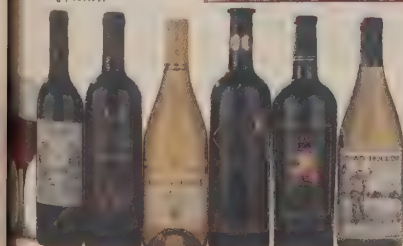
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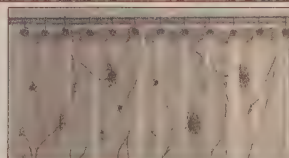
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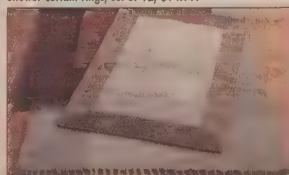
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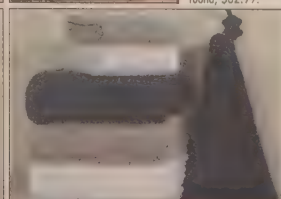
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Trim the fat but not the taste from beef Stroganoff with this flavorful recipe

BY SUSAN SELASKY
KNIGHT RIDGER NEWS/STAFFERS

Beef Stroganoff is one of those classic comfort foods that practically everyone makes at least once.

Stroganoff is a Russian dish in which beef, onions and mushrooms are mixed in a sour cream sauce and served over noodles. But this classic has many variations, from serving over rice to using cream of mushroom soup as the sauce base.

The sour cream sauce is the

highlight of stroganoff, but it also is where a good portion of the fat grams and calories come from.

Today's version from Cooking Light magazine's September 2002 issue uses reduced-fat sour cream to trim the calories and fat without sacrificing flavor.

We took the recipe a step further by reducing the amount of sodium and cholesterol with low-sodium beef broth and no-yolk egg noodles.

BEEF STROGANOFF
4 cups uncooked medium no-yolk noodles (about 8 ounces)
1 cup reduced-sodium, fat-free beef broth
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
2 teaspoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon salt, divided
¼ teaspoon black pepper, divided
Nonstick cooking spray

1 pound boneless sirloin steak (about ½-inch thick)
1 cup chopped onion
1 package (8 ounces) presliced mushrooms
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
½ cup reduced-fat sour cream
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
Cook the noodles according to package directions, omitting salt and oil.
While the noodles cook, whisk together the beef broth, Worcester-

shire sauce, vinegar, tomato paste, ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper in a medium bowl.
Spray a Dutch oven or large pot with nonstick cooking spray and heat over medium-high heat. Sprinkle beef with the remaining ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Add beef to pan and cook about 3 ½ minutes. Remove from pan.
Add the onion and mushrooms to pan; sauté 3 minutes or until

mushrooms are tender. Cook 1 minute, stirring. Stir in broth mixture, cook or until slightly thick, then serve.
Cut the beef into thin strips and return to pan. Stir in cream and parsley. Cook 1 minute or until thoroughly heated.
Makes 5 servings; 2 cups per serving.
Adapted from Cooking Light magazine, September 2002

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stores and will be available at Nordic Ware's Web site (www.nordicware.com) in the future.

Some of the most dramatic pan designs are those made for gourmet store Williams-Sonoma.

Severson said Nordic Ware entered into a partnership with the store to produce new Bundt designs. "They helped us develop the Star Bundt, then the Fleur-de-Lis in late 1999 or early 2000."

The most recent design made for the store is the Cathedral Bundt, an elaborately designed pan that sells for \$28 and holds 10 cups of batter.

When these designs make their debut, they are sold exclusively through the store for a time, then made available through other sources. The firms are producing about two new designs a year.

Meredith Bradford, public relations manager for Williams-Sonoma, said the stores, catalog and Internet site also carry the traditional Bundt pan as well as the Garland Bundtlette, a muffin-like pan that has six mini-Bundt cups in three styles.

The styles include the Cathedral pan, the Bavaria and the Fleur-de-Lis.

"You can't have too many Bundt pans if you're a real baker," said Bradford.

Recipes

The following recipe comes from the Pillsbury Bake-Off Web site, www.bakeoff.com.

TUNNEL OF FUDGE CAKE
1 ¾ cups (3 ½ sticks) butter or margarine, room temperature
1 ¾ cups granulated sugar
6 eggs
2 ¾ cups powdered sugar (divided)
2 ¼ cups flour
1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder (divided)
2 cups chopped walnuts (see note)
1 ½ to 2 tablespoons milk
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 12-cup fluted tube pan.

In large bowl, beat butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually add 2 cups powdered sugar; blend well. By hand, stir in flour, ¾ cup cocoa powder and nuts. Mix until well blended. Spoon batter into prepared pan; spread evenly.

Bake in preheated oven 58 to 62 minutes. Cool upright in pan on cooling rack 1 hour, then invert onto serving plate. Cool completely.

For glaze: In small bowl, combine remaining ¾ cup powdered sugar, remaining ¼ cup cocoa powder and milk. Mix until smooth. Spoon over top of cake, allowing some to run down sides. Store tightly covered.

Makes 16 servings.

Note: Nuts are essential for the success of the recipe. Since this cake has a soft tunnel of fudge, ordinary doneness test cannot be used. Accurate oven temperature and baking time are critical.

The following recipes come from the Nordic Ware Web site.

RASPBERRY SWIRL CAKE
1 cup (2 sticks) plus 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
2 cups sugar
3 cups sifted flour
4 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 1/3 cups milk
2 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 egg whites (¾ cup)
½ cup raspberry or raspberry-currant jelly
Red food coloring
½ cup raspberry jam, pressed through sieve or strainer to remove seeds
Basic glaze (see recipe)
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 12-cup fluted tube pan.

In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt; add alternately with milk to creamed mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Add vanilla.

In small mixing bowl, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Gently fold by hand into batter.

In small saucepan, or in microwave, heat jelly until melted; cool slightly. Remove 1 cup of batter from bowl and stir in jelly. Mix well. Add food coloring, enough to give desired pink color. Pour white batter into prepared pan. Pour jelly batter on top. With spoon, swirl raspberry mixture into cake.

Bake in preheated oven 45 to 50 minutes. Cool upright in pan on wire rack 1 hour then invert onto serving plate and cool completely. Drizzle with sieved raspberry jam or drizzle with basic glaze (let glaze set before serving). Makes 12 to 16 servings.

Basic glaze:
2 cups sifted powdered sugar
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, room temperature
1 teaspoon vanilla, rum or almond extract
2 to 3 tablespoons milk

In bowl, combine all ingredients, blending until smooth and of desired drizzling consistency.

PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN MUFFINS OR MINI-BUNDS
6 maraschino cherries, coarsely chopped
1 can (1 pound 4 ounces) crushed pineapple, drained, syrup reserved (divided)
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
3 tablespoons melted butter
1 package (16 to 17 ounces) pound cake mix
1 teaspoon lemon peel
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Combine cherries, ½ cup drained pineapple, brown sugar and melted butter. Spoon into greased Bundt muffin tin, multi-mini Bundt pan or jumbo muffin pan, dividing evenly.

Prepare pound cake mix according to package directions, using pineapple syrup for liquid. Stir in lemon peel, vanilla and remaining drained crushed pineapple. Spoon into pan, over pineapple mixture, filling each of the six cups nearly full. Place remaining batter into greased and floured 8 ½-by-4 ½-inch loaf pan.

Bake in preheated oven 30 to 40 minutes or until cakes test done and tops are lightly browned. (Loaf pan may take a few minutes longer.) Cool in pans 5 minutes, then turn out onto wire rack or serving plate to complete cooling. Makes 6 muffins or mini-Bunds, plus one loaf cake.

Note: If desired, pineapple-brown sugar mixture can be doubled, and half can be placed in the loaf pan before adding batter. An 8-inch square pan could be used, too, but cake will not bake as long.

CHOCOLATE MOLASSES MINIBUNDS WITH CHOCOLATE GLAZE

1/3 cup solid vegetable shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
½ cup light molasses
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup hot water
½ cup buttermilk
Chocolate glaze (see recipe)
Whipped cream (optional)

To make cake: Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In large bowl, cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well.

In another bowl, blend chocolate and molasses and add to creamed mixture.

Sift together dry ingredients and add to creamed mixture alternately with hot water and buttermilk. Bake in mini-Bundt pan, filling each cup about half full. (Leftover batter can be baked in greased and floured small loaf pan or as cupcakes.) Bake

in preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes or until done. Cool in pan 5 minutes; turn out onto wire rack and cool completely.

Top with chocolate glaze. Spoon a dollop of whipped cream on top of each mini-Bundt if desired. Makes 6 individual servings (plus 1 small loaf or about four cupcakes).

Chocolate glaze:
2 cups sifted powdered sugar
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, room temperature
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
2 to 4 tablespoons milk

In small bowl, combine sugar, cocoa and butter. Add vanilla; add milk gradually to achieve desired consistency and stir until smooth.

This pumpkin cake comes from "One-Pot Cakes" by Andrew Schloss with Ken Bookman (William Morrow & Co., 1995, \$17.95). The batter is similar to that of a carrot cake with canned pumpkin puree taking the place of the carrots.

PUMPKIN BUNDT CAKE

4 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 ¼ cups vegetable oil
1 can (1 pound) solid-pack pumpkin
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground cloves or allspice
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 ½ cups whole-wheat flour
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
1 ½ cups walnut pieces
Chestnut butter cream (optional; see recipe)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 10- to 12-cup fluted tube pan.

In large bowl, mix eggs with a large fork until well blended. Mix in sugar. Add oil in a steady stream, mixing all the while, until mixture is thick and smooth. Mix in pumpkin, vanilla, cinnamon, cloves and salt. Add baking soda and baking powder in pinches, breaking up any lumps with your fingers. Stir in thoroughly. Stir in the flours just until blended. Stir in walnuts.

Pour batter into prepared pan and bake in preheated oven 45 to 50 minutes, or until a tester inserted into center comes out clean. Cool in pan

on a rack 10 minutes. Invert, remove pan, and cool on the rack about 15 minutes more. Serve plain or with a dollop or chestnut butter cream.

Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Chestnut butter cream:
½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
1 cup canned chestnut puree (see note)
6 tablespoons powdered sugar
Pinch of salt
¼ teaspoon almond extract (optional)

In large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. When it's half melted, remove pan from heat and mix in chestnut puree with a large fork or small whisk. Stir in powdered sugar, salt and almond extract, if using. Stir until smooth and fluffy. Makes about 1 ½ cups frosting.

Note: Chestnut puree is available in some high-end grocery stores. This recipe comes from "Debbi Fields' Great American Desserts," (Simon & Schuster, \$25.)

WHITE CHOCOLATE BUNDT CAKE

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature, plus 1 tablespoon to coat pan (divided)
2 cups sugar, plus 2 tablespoons for sugaring the pan (divided)
3 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
½ teaspoon almond extract
5 large eggs, room temperature
4 ounces white chocolate, melted, still warm plus 4 ounces white chocolate chunks or chips (divided)

1 cup sour cream
White chocolate ganache (see recipe)

4 ounces semisweet chocolate, melted and still warm
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 10- to 12-cup fluted tube pan with 1 tablespoon butter, then sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of the sugar.

Into medium bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

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Into medium bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

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What you need to know before you buy your next bottle of water?

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When Americans tap into their thirst for water, they often buy it in a bottle. Americans are drinking bottled water in record numbers—a whopping five billion gallons in 2001, according to the International Bottled Water Association, an industry trade group.

People are not only drinking more bottled water in record numbers, they are also spending significant amounts of their hard-earned money for it.

That's why it pays to be sure you're getting what you think you're buying. The best thing to do is read the label.

Many bottled water brands on the market today are sourced from either natural spring water or tap water that has been purified. There is a difference in the unique taste of natural spring water and purified tap water.

A recent survey showed that when making a decision to purchase bottled water, consumers said this distinction was not made clear to them.

In fact, 61 percent of bottled water drinkers say that if they knew a particular brand of bottled water was bottled from purified tap water, they would be less inclined to buy it.

Consumers need to arm themselves with knowledge about what they're buying before they grab the next bottle of water off of the shelf. The FDA classifies bottled water according to its origin. For example:

- Artesian well water is bottled water from a well that taps a confined aquifer in which the water level stands at some height above the top of the aquifer.

- Mineral water is water from an underground source that contains at least 250 parts per million total dissolved solids.

- Natural spring water is water that is derived from an underground formation from which wa-

ter flows naturally to the earth's surface.

- Purified drinking water is water, typically from a municipal supply, that has been produced by distillation, deionization, reverse osmosis or other suitable processes.

Among natural spring waters, the Poland Spring brand distin-

guishes itself by its naturally pure and crisp taste—the result of natural sources that lie deep beneath the protected pine forests in Maine.

While Poland Spring is distributed only in the Northeast, its long history and high quality have made it one of the most recognizable brands in America and

number one in sales among natural spring water brands.

Consumers can look for other regional brands, such as Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water in the west, Ozarka Natural Spring Water in Texas and Zephyrhills Natural Spring Water in Florida, just to name a few.

Finally, a word about taste. People don't usually attribute a taste to water, but like grapes grown in different regions, water from one area does taste different from water from another.

Most natural spring water is bottled close to the region in

which it is sold—it may say so right on the label.

The unique taste profile of natural spring water is dependent upon the geology of the earth through which it travels. This is what makes natural spring water very different from purified water.

A person's palate may become accustomed to the unique regional properties and taste of his or her favorite brands of spring water and distinguish the difference.

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Keeping the home fires burning

BY SHELLEY RILEY
CORRESPONDENT

Exactly when the first man stopped running from fire and started using it to sustain life is a matter of conjecture. However, it is a proven historical perspective that all remains of early man show fire as an important part of life. Without the taming of naturally occurring fires into sustainable life-giving entities, man's progress to the northern hemisphere would not have been possible. Exploration would have been limited to those regions that were within the range of fire.

As people gathered about fires for warmth, humanity progressed beyond simple beings. Today we still find people gathered around the fire to be content to discuss, reflection and celebration. As more people recognize that they are turning back to the fireplace as not only a source of heat in the home but as a focal point for gathering together. The fireplace is the thermostat knob that keeps the home warm in winter.

Whether deciding to revamp the old 1960's smoke-spewing fireplace or putting in a whole new unit, homeowners have decisions to

make. Most importantly, what exactly do you want from this fireplace? Will it be used to dramatize the overall decorating scheme, is its functionality secondary to its ambience? Is it to become the main heat source of the home, with the look not as important as the efficiency of the unit? Perhaps a happy medium is an attractive fireplace that can be used on occasion — and is both safe and relatively care-free.

Paul Simmons, of S N B Construction, finds that the homeowners are looking for timeless beauty and practicality when designing a fireplace. Some want plain with no clutter while others want to make a big statement while keeping functionality. Also, he finds today's fireplaces have moved out of the traditional living and family room locations to just about anywhere the imagination can go. Many master suites are focused on a fireplace, and it's not uncommon to find them in master bathrooms as well. Also, libraries, dens and dining rooms are warmed — figuratively and literally — by fireplaces in many recently-constructed homes, a practice revived from earlier eras when a fireplace was used in most rooms as a way to keep the home warm in winter.

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THIS FIREPLACE was remodeled and tile and marble were added. The glass doors also offer protection as well as elegance to this living room. S & B Construction did the project.



FLYING TURTLE, CAST CONCRETE

CAST CONCRETE fireplace is an example of the variety of shapes possible with this construction method. Designed by Mat Rogers of Flying Turtle.

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If you have just started shopping for a new fire, you have found there is a vast variety from which to choose. A modern fireplace can be as simple as a firebox and a surround vented through a chimney,

or it can be a high technology unit with remote control ignition, heat circulation, oxygen sensors, thermostat ventilation methods and — the list goes on. Either way there are stiff safety standards that must be met. Those can include placement, fuel to be used and ventilation standards.

So how does one go about making an informed decision about what would be best in their particular circumstance? A very good place to start would be a specialty store such as The Fire House in Livermore. Dennis Cooney has on display units from many different manufacturers which help to illustrate all the current technology in fires.

Between him, manufacturer representatives and his certified installers, they can answer questions and concerns on any situation.

Start with the flame

Cooney says the current hot trend is homeowners choosing to reface an existing outdated and inefficient fireplace by taking down the old brick or rock and putting up combinations of granite, marble and wood. For the fire space, itself, there are many types and styles of inserts as well as freestanding stoves. Fires in the home burn one of three fuels — gas, pellets or wood.

Right from the start, Cooney says, it is important for homeowners

to decide what exactly they want out of the fire. The fireplaces of the past did little to heat the home, because warm air from other parts of the house was pulled up the chimney right along with the biggest part of the heat from the fire.

Today you can buy inserts and stoves that can be 80 percent efficient, meet all EPA standards and provide all your heating needs.

To make an informed decision when deciding between wood gas and pellet, there are some important questions each should get answered.

■ The cost of the unit

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Balance of elements is an important key to feng shui

BY PHILIPPA COELHO
JACINTO
CORRESPONDENT

When friends and neighbors visit the Wyatt residence in the Stonegate area of Orange County, they often comment on the great feng shui. Ann Wyatt, a well-known feng shui master, is actually surprised to find out that people in the San Ramon Valley are with this concept. When the Wyatts moved to the Bay Area from Texas, they had barely heard of feng shui. But as fate would have it, their new neighbor, a woman named Golangco, a longtime proponent of feng shui, had a long history of feng shui. Her family hails from the village of Sun Wei in Canton, China, where feng shui is a part of life. According to Golangco, the ancient Chinese sys-

tem/philosophy gained ground in the '80s in the Bay Area when a larger number of Asian buyers entered the real estate market. Golangco, herself a Realtor at the time, began giving seminars and workshops on this subject. More than 10 years later, she continues to offer feng shui consultations to individual homeowners, businesses and builders.

The Wyatts were intrigued by Golangco's feng shui analysis of their new home. They were especially intrigued with her suggestions

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MIKE RUSSELL/STAFF

THE BACKYARD WATERFALL of the Wyatts provides a peaceful yard but also brings the same quality inside.

Sacred spaces make homes calming places

BY NANCY BURCHETT
CORRESPONDENT

There is a well-documented upswing in spirituality in this country, prompted by a number of causes and events. The surge of the stock market in the '90s made many realize how unhealthy our collective emphasis on materialism was becoming. The terrorist attacks last year brought home how fragile our illusions of strength and control are. And many people have always been devoted to their religions and cultural customs, often passing them on to the

next generation.

None of this is very surprising. What seems new in the mix — or newer, at any rate — is the increase in the number of homes that have



a space set aside for prayer, reading or meditation. The motivations and methods vary widely, but still it is there, the need to honor one's spiritual life by not only setting aside time for one's daily devotional life, but making a place for this to occur, by creating an oasis of peace and holiness.

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Fire

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- The cost per hour to run
 - How environmentally friendly is the unit?
 - Is it easy to operate?
- Some choices can require regular maintenance and service.

Cooney feels the one choice with the most advantages is the gas fire. With little or no maintenance, ease of use, efficiency, economy and ambiance all rolled into one it is little wonder so many busy consumers opt for this choice. Prices can run from a base of \$600 for entry-level wood to \$2,500 to \$2,900 for top-of-the-line gas and pellet models, plus installation.

Homeowners want to take the time to make a choice that is going to suit all their needs the first time. "The right fire will let you enjoy your home in a way you never have before," says Cooney.

Fireplace decor

Once you have selected the type of fire, it can be even more of an adventure deciding what materials you'll use to house your fire. Brick, natural stone, wood, plaster and other materials, including steel, are being used to surround fireplaces

throughout the East Bay.

Mike Lopez, general manager of Direct Stone Importers in San Leandro, for example, offers 150 colors of natural stone, and he assures that homeowners will not find it difficult to find just the right look that will please them and suit their home. Lopez finds his customers' tastes are very eclectic. Preferences range from the simple and sophisticated to the grand and ornate, he said.

Most stone importers will work with a homeowner's contractor, decorator or architect to achieve the look desired. Many have designers to help you make the choices that will work in your particular situation. As far as cost, of course, the sky can be the limit. Prices on the stone can be as vast as the choices on offer. But a good ballpark figure for a flat-facing hearth, flat to the floor and wall, would be \$1,500 to \$2,000. Something more complicated and protruding from both the wall and floor 5 or 6 inches could range from \$6,000 to \$8,000, he estimates.

A newly popular option for fireplaces is cast concrete, which allows homeowners to create a custom look from shape to color. It is strong, durable and can suit a variety of architectural and decorator styles.

Also available — created by a local company — is a paper finish that can be applied to nearly any fireplace exterior. Carolyn Tracy of Wall 'la, Danville, hand paints paper, then tears or cuts it, or crinkles it up, then applies it to the area surrounding a fireplace and applies a waterproof glaze. The result may look like marble, snake skin or a variety of other designs and each installation is custom and unique. It's especially effective, she said, when people want to cover up a plain wall or a dated fireplace surround to create a more modern look.

It's a wise idea to use a licensed contractor for a project such as a fireplace, due to all the safety and code considerations. A good contractor will have experience in new

construction, restoring or refacing. Besides the warmth and atmosphere a fireplace provides a home or room, it can serve other functional purposes. Transforming a simple fireplace into a wall of delights by incorporating the TV and audio equipment, book shelves and even tying it into the kitchen decor can make it a focus in the home for all family activities. While a fireplace in the bedroom is certainly romantic, it can also be soothing and relaxing. Cuddled up staring into the flickering flames can fire the imagination, set you free from the everyday and allow the mind to soar.

Fireplaces don't just appear in homes' interiors anymore. Patios and porches can be transformed into open-air living rooms with the

addition of a fireplace, which makes for patio dining and entertaining that is delightful as well as comfortable. Choices here include traditional fireplaces with chimneys and tall stone surfaces as well as portable fireplaces made of iron, or brick-lined fire pits, for example.

No matter the choice of style and type, being able to fire up a source of heat and comfort that you and yours can gather around together, gives a feeling of gratification that some things in life are still within our control.

Resources

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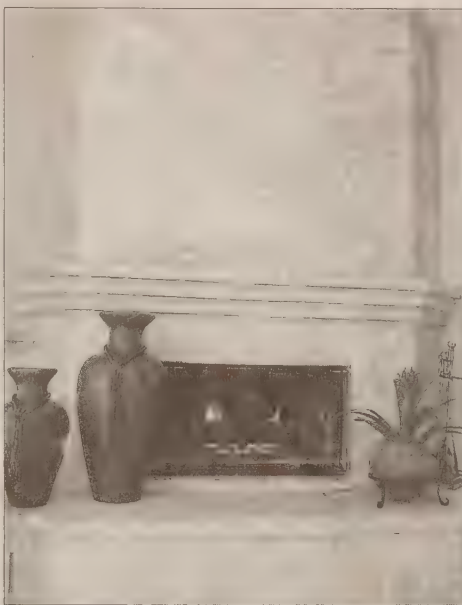
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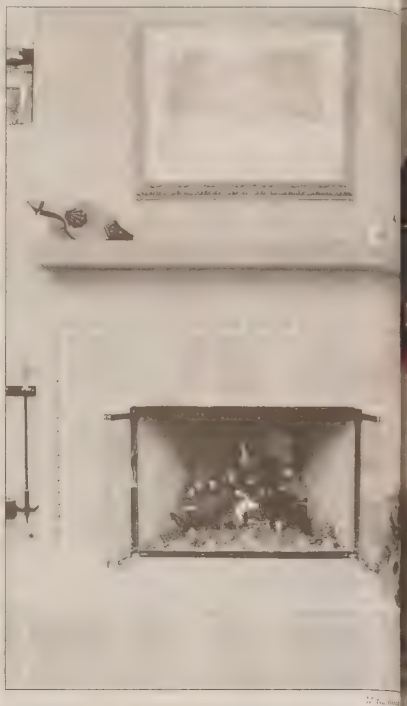
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... when you entered the front
... and looked past the living
... windows."

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... women landscape attracted neg-
... energy or chi. She advised that

the Wyatts put in a waterfall flowing down the hill which would create a focal point of interest and also encourage a positive flow of energy or chi toward the home and its occupants.

According to Ann Wyatt, it certainly accomplished its goals. "Everything seem to be in balance," she comments. "It gives us a nice, relaxing feeling....a sense of calm and peace."

Like the Wyatts, an increasing number of Bay Area residents are

learning to appreciate the finer points of feng shui. Though misconceptions abound, many people are interested enough to delve into the intricacies of feng shui. And experts like Golangco are devoting their time and energy to sharing their knowledge and insight through books, Web sites, seminars and consultations.

What is feng shui?

According to Jenny Liu, who has an architectural background with a degree in environmental design

from UC Berkeley and wrote a master's thesis on feng shui as it relates to sustainable design while at the School of Arts and Architecture at UCLA, feng shui is a philosophy that creates an environment which is ergonomic. Good feng shui lets us work efficiently, comfortably and successfully by following the patterns of nature.

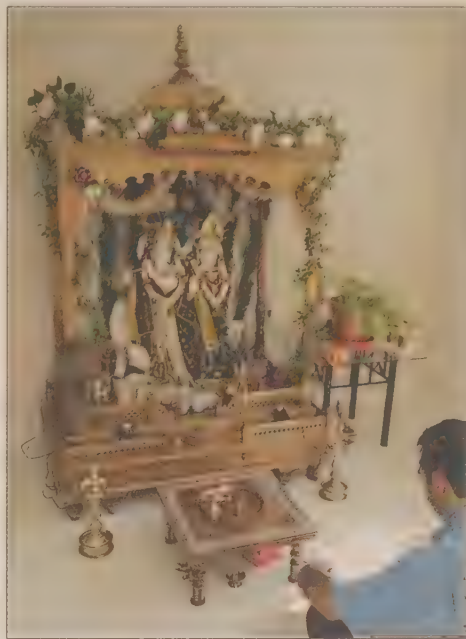
She suggests you think of yourself as a boat. It is simply easier and more effective to sail with the current and wind rather than against it. Again, she tells us to imagine our home as an extension of ourselves, like a shirt one can wear. In feng shui, a house is designed to fit the body comfortably and should be oriented to allow the body to take in vital energy or chi, so it can function effectively.

But there are many aspects to understanding and designing with feng shui. It is about being aware and in tune with yourself and your environment. It takes into account the combination of interior and exterior space, light, sounds, materials, furniture arrangement and how all these affect your mental and physical energy. In the philosophy of feng shui, everything has chi or ability to affect you, regardless of your awareness. Feng shui theories, according to Liu, guide us in creating an environment tailored to promote our individual well-being.

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As complex as the philosophy of feng shui can be, it offers practical tools for the application of its principles. The "bagua" is an octagonal grid that can be applied to modern structures just as in ancient times. This mathematically-sectioned tool contains eight human aspects needed for survival plus a center cog of "the wheel of life" called health, ruled by the element of earth to keep us grounded.

Caroline Patrick, artist, herbalist and feng shui consultant, combines art and feng shui to correct imbalances in the home and office. She explains on her Web site (www.moongateschool.com) that secret feng shui methods of place-



MIKE RUSSELL/STAFF

SUJAL POPAT takes time to reflect at his home's Hindu temple. The couple decided to use one bedroom as a sacred space to help teach their son about their religion and culture.

Sacred

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Micky Gill, a real estate agent and owner of Century 21 Hosking Associates in Walnut Creek, who is also a practicing Sikh, has noticed this growing trend in the houses he sells.

"Almost everyone I meet has a place in their home that is sacred to them. I think we're getting back to basics. I find this is true with Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Sikh clients — I'm seeing it with all faiths. It's a commonality. With the stress and strains of today's world, we all need some place or something like this," he affirms.

Gill goes on to say that some of these sacred spaces are found in homes of people he'd least have suspected. Sometimes it is simply a holy picture in a bedroom, where only family knows of its existence. Other times, the focus of the family on its spiritual life is up front for all to see.

A combination of the two happily co-exists in the Walnut Creek home of Sujal and Hema Popat. In the gracious entryway, a large imposing picture of Krishna is on the left of the door to the kitchen and a statue of Meera holding a sitar sits on a table to the right.

Upstairs, the Popats decided to set aside one of the bedrooms as sacred space. They are especially concerned that their Hindu heritage be obvious and accessible for their two-year-old son, Shyan.

"Our extended family live in England," Popat explains. "We are the ones who will be teaching him his culture and faith almost exclusively, instead of having his grandparents heavily involved as they would be if we lived close to each other."

The room is dominated by a large altar with standing statues of Krishna and Radha. The pair are surrounded by pictures of demigods, and the entire altar is decorated with lights and flowers

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CAROLINE PATRICK

THIS BAGUA from Caroline Patrick is octagonal and can be applied to a person's residence, with rooms or areas of the house following the design, the colors and terms. Clockwise from top are fame, partners, creativity and kids, help and travel, career, wisdom, family and wealth, each of which corresponds to a specific color.



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Caroline Patrick's
is the feng shui
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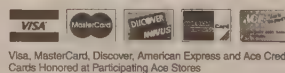
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...of a recent holiday. Nearby ... a sacred plant similar to ... in front of the altar sits a small ... that holds incense and a ... for ghee, the clarified but- ... it along with the incense ... the twice-daily arti, or ritual. ... Shyan has already learned to ... bow before the various ... and say good night before ... to bed.

... Stevens, a Roman Catholic, ... much simpler holy space, but ... as effective. She often prays ... table on which she has ... a picture of Jesus praying ... of Gethsemane. Book ... with pictures of Thomas Mer- ... Saint Therese of Lisieux

also adorn the space.

"These are my prayer compan- ions," she smiles. She turns on a small light as well. Stevens notes that even when she isn't praying, it's nice to walk by the table and notice its contents, which serve as a touchstone.

Bertha Williams, a Methodist, has transformed more than one area of her home to invite meditation and prayer. What is technically the family room is an oasis of calm where she hosts her weekly prayer group. Serene nature pictures, faith-based books, a Bible and a living flower create the serene atmosphere she desires.

Outside sliding glass doors, one can see a delightful pocket garden. The space is hemmed by walls of the adjoining condo. An Asian statue and ferns and other plants grace this area, floored by slates separated by glistening green ba-

bles tears. A few large rocks and a comfortable bench invite a person to sit quietly in contemplation.

Upstairs, Williams has literally gone into her closet to pray. She got the idea from a retreat center several years ago. Moving out her luggage and other items stored in the guest room closet, she adorned the shelf with a small fountain, a candle and a tape player with many tapes of religious songs and calming music.

On the walls are soothing pictures as well as the serenity prayer and her personal favorite, her credo, "Only this: do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with God," from Micah. A small stool and a kneeling pillow provide seating.

"When I began using the closet, I started with a ritual and prayed for about an hour. Gradually, I realized that I can use my closet at any time, not just in my morning routine. Now,

if I awaken in the night, or am unsettled during the day, I go into my little space and the peace just envelops me," says Williams.

Amthul Kahn and her family are Muslims. Five times a day, family members turn their prayer rug toward the Kabaa and say their ritual prayers.

"We don't have any pictures or statues," says Kahn. "We don't want any distractions from our prayers and thoughts about God."

She goes on to explain that there is no special room for prayers, although sometimes her children pray in their bedrooms. Sometimes the family says their prayers "in congregation," often being led by one of their sons. What is important is the direction one faces and the rit-

ual positions and words said. When they are away from home, where prostrating oneself is not practical, prayers are usually said in a sitting position.

For Dolores Rovere, a Soto Zen Buddhist, sacred space is "like memorabilia to me." Some people adorn their rooms with photos to remind them of family gatherings and vacations. She prefers to set a contemplative atmosphere. Many of the walls feature her nature photography, simply matted and framed.

In her living room, Rovere has set aside a corner for her meditations. A stack of African drums creates the background for an arrangement of rocks, a "former ficus," a tree bare of leaves, a small statue

of Quanyin (a bodhisatva of compassion) a candle and an elephant bell, from India.

Rovere sits on the floor in the lotus position facing her holy corner twice a day. She rings the bell as she begins meditating and again when she chants. She times her morning ritual at 6:05 a.m. to coincide with the gathering each day at Green Gulch Zen Center in Marin County.

"I think we need some kind of guiding principle that lets us know how to be kind to others and ourselves, and how to live a peaceful life," she says. She and the others have, each in their own way, created that oasis from which to face the world armed with peace and connectedness.



MIKE RUSSELL/STAFF

BERTHA WILLIAMS, a Methodist, has established two sacred spaces in her home. One is a closet transformed into a small meditative place with serene pictures, books and a small fountain.

DOLORES ROVERE, a Soto Zen Buddhist, sits in the sacred space — a small corner of her living room — she has created in her Berkeley Hills home.



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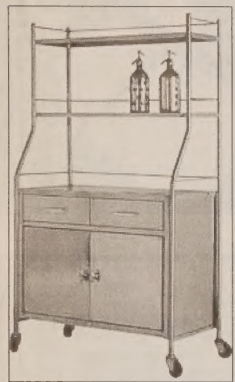
Thirty efficient and attractive ways to store more in your bathroom

KITCHEN AND BATH IDEAS MAGAZINE

Baths suffer a double whammy when it comes to storage—limited space and a lot of stuff. Small items, such as cosmetics and medicine containers, seem to clone themselves. Bulky towels and paper products must stay dry yet handy. To wash away these storage woes, try these clever products, design ideas, and organizing tips.

1. Use furniture for best-dressed storage options. Turn a dresser into a vanity. Protect the wood from possible water damage with polyurethane. Remember you'll lose some storage room inside the dresser to plumbing; recess pipes and use a wall-mount faucet to gain space.

2. Select units that have triple storage uses. Based on water-resistant steel laboratory cabinets, a stainless-steel rack features open shelves, drawers, and locking doors. Make sure wheeled units are equipped with a locking brake for stability.



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3. Scale the walls with open shelves. Walls that don't interfere with traffic flow, doors, or fixtures can host shelves. Attractive containers that match your decor can sit on the shelves, holding items that need to be out of sight. For decorative or less-used items, organization consultants Meyer suggest shelves near the ceiling.

4. Add extra shelves inside medicine cabinets. To make use of space inside existing cabinets, install extra brackets to hold glass shelves, which can be cut to fit at

most hardware stores.

5. Mount storage accessories without damaging your walls. Try containers and racks that attach to nonporous surfaces with suction cups. Their holes and hooks provide perches for razors and washcloths. Tension-pole shelves are another no-nails-required option.

6. Look down for untapped storage potential. A mirrored console unit takes the place of a traditional vanity. Doors that flank the wall-mounted sink open to reveal shelves. With cabinets mounted low to the floor, within easy reach of children, avoid storing prescription drugs or cleaning supplies unless you lock the doors.

7. Use stackable bins within cabinets or drawers for flexibility. Rarely used items can occupy bins underneath or behind those holding contents used more often. In addition to corraling items, the bins also help contain leaks from cosmetics or cleaning supplies.

8. Put dirty-clothes disposal where you need it. Look for built-in hamper designs that allow easy removal of the hamper—whether wire, plastic, or fabric—for toting to your washer and dryer.

9. Label containers and bins. Labeling supplies cuts down on overbuying, and the subsequent problem of where to store such purchases," says organization consultant Alice Winner. To help preschool-age children identify contents, Winner uses pictures to label bins.

10. Add storage to doors. Hooks, racks, and towel bars can occupy doors, including the inside of cabinet doors, instead of precious wall space. Make sure they don't interfere with closing the door.

11. Try over-the-toilet options. Cabinets and shelves can occupy space over the toilet without interfering with its use. Make sure that shelves and wall-mount cabinets allow enough clearance to remove the tank lid to repair the toilet.

12. Design room dividers that do double duty. A divider could have nooks near the toilet for towels, supplies, and a phone. On the other side, near a treadmill, the divider could house a combination TV-VCR unit.

13. Expand into nooks and crannies. Especially in small bathrooms such as a half or three-quarter bath, niches provide much-needed storage space without invading elbowroom. Partial walls that enclose plumbing and the space between wall studs are prime candidates for a niche or two.

14. Give each family member

a personal plastic tote. For a family bathroom, Winner recommends that each member store bathroom basics in a personal tote, which can be stored in a closet after use.

15. Hide clutter and reflect light with mirrored doors. Stash your toothpaste and shaving cream behind vanity cabinet doors with mirror inserts to create an unobstructed view of your reflection and handsome cabinetry. Go for tall cabinets almost reach the ceiling, making smart use of vertical space.

16. Combine undersink storage with the airy effect of a pedestal sink. Pedestal sinks combined with a countertop provide extra landing space with splash protection as well as floor space.

17. Employ wall-mount storage. Storage cubes feature removable bins so stored items can be on your level. Look for a pre-made vanity with a door and two towel bars that fits most wall-mount sinks.

18. Put items within easy reach with waist-level storage. A row of above-counter storage drawers can form a ledge for displaying perfume bottles and family photos. Make sure open drawers clear the faucet and sink rim.

19. Keep countertops clutter-free. When not in use, stow items in containers that can tuck inside drawers, behind cabinet doors, or on shelves. Then, even small countertops feel more spacious, and you won't have to shuffle supplies to find landing space.

20. Learn to say goodbye to outdated cosmetics, medicines, and cleaners. "Clients seem to stash a lot of products in the bathroom that they have a hard time parting with because of the cost of those items," Winner says. "I try to get them to think about the safety issues in keeping chemicals that are not going to be used and may be dangerous to them, children, or pets, and that may not be effective if kept too long."

21. Claim shallow spaces. Put a slim closet between a door and a vanity to create a storage tower. When the door is closed, the full-length mirror provides a reflection and the illusion of more space.

22. Don't cut corners. Make use of awkward angles with corner shelves, such as a glass-and-stainless-steel unit. Clear-glass shelves are see-through, so they help your space look more open.

23. Build in a step stool. The toe-kick of your vanity can house a slide-out platform to help children reach the sink. When not in use, the



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SLIM CLOSET between a door and a vanity creates storage (see suggestion 21).

platform tucks back underneath the vanity.

24. Transform a decorative panel into tilt-out storage. New cabinets often offer such built-in features, or you can use a kit complete with hinges and a bin, to modify an existing vanity. Include a hidden electrical outlet for extra convenience. Make sure all outlets are ground fault circuit interrupted for safety.

Book explores links between head and homes, helps novice designers

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Spruce up your decor. Strengthen your relationship.

Such topics are fodder for ever-growing stacks of self-help books.

But what about a book that marries the two ideas, promising to turn the whole process of redecorating into a relationship-fortifying pursuit?

Intrigued? Take a look at Suzy Chiazzi's "Our Place: Improve Your Home, Improve Your Relationship" (Watson-Guptill, \$29.95). Chiazzi, a holistic interior designer, life counselor and stress consultant in London, starts with the premise that a home reflects the relationships within and points out warning signs of problems: A cluttered, messy kitchen may indicate shirked responsibility; a TV in the bedroom may reflect a reluctance to have an intimate relationship.

Using questionnaires to help readers pinpoint issues that can arise in particular rooms and understand their effects—a living

room centered on a TV may curb conversation; inadequate storage in a kitchen shared by roommates may fuel conflict—Chiazzi puts her faith in solutions that address all the home-dwellers' needs. Then she presents options for change.

"She doesn't expect folks to agree on everything. 'If you have strong and opposing opinions about a particular element of the room... accept the fact that neither of you can have exactly what you want,'" she writes. "It's much better to find something you are both reasonably happy with rather than for one person to give in to the other."

Given this new twist on familiar terrain, we sought reaction to the book from area experts in psychology and interior design. Here's what Nancy S. Cohen, a psychologist who specializes in relationship therapy, and Michael Shannon, whose design practice is largely residential, had to say about "Our Place."

"It's a good idea but gets simplistic treatment," was Cohen's initial comment during a meeting in her office.

In judging a relationship way the partners' home said, "You bypass issues person may be more interior than the other, they may represent the messy household, or they may be preoccupied with clutter."

Neither would Cohen the idea that those who improve an unsatisfactory relationship necessarily reap a stronger bond.

"It's less linear than said," (But) learning together can be immersive... and feel really good."

Relationships center themselves out in redecorating projects, with tremendously stressful and issues surrounding the merging of households are included in the book ripe for discord.

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Concrete countertops have been popular for years, but not everyone can afford to have them done professionally.

Give them a try yourself. Owens of the Quikrete says the job requires a lot of tools, most of which the homeowner has.

Owens uses Quikrete 5000 to make countertops because it is formulated to gain strength in a week while other products typically require 28 days to cure.

Cut the wood to make the form, and using the screws to assemble it. Lay a bead of caulk on inside edges to stop leaks.

Mix the aggregate with water — 80 pounds gives you about 2 linear feet of countertop. Make sure what you come up with is stiff, not soupy.

"The strength of concrete is relative to the amount of water in it," Owens said. "If you can get an oatmealish consistency to the concrete, it means the water won't puddle to the surface, and the concrete will be uniformly stronger. The dryer the mixture, the better."

It is best to add the coloring agent into the mixing water. Doing so gives you better control, because you can accurately measure it and make the color consistent from one batch of concrete to another if you are producing, for example, 16 linear feet of countertop.

Owens uses two 16 oz. bottles of Quikrete's cement color to 80 pounds of aggregate. Once the concrete reaches that oatmeal consistency, and the color appears uniform throughout, you can pour it into the form.

"You actually overfill the form," Owens said, "and use the two-by-four to screed it at an angle from the edge of the form to the other, back and forth in a sawing action. By doing so, you level the concrete in the form and push the larger aggregate down into the form."

Take the rubber mallet and tap the sides of the form, to reduce air pockets that could leave a void in the surface.

Then take the wood float and smooth the surface.

"Don't worry about the finish yet," Owens said. "What you are doing is bringing the cement to the top, which makes the surface harder and more durable."

When the surface is "thumbprint hard," take the steel trowel and press down to finish it.

Wait at least two days before removing the countertop from the form, then take the screws out and pull the pieces of the form away carefully. Use the fine-grade sandpaper to carefully remove imperfections that formed on the surface.

Clean the countertops with a concrete cleaner, and then apply one coat of acrylic sealer with that 2-inch brush and allow it to dry. Then, mix the sealer with one part water, and apply a second coat.

"You'll need to re-seal the countertop periodically, especially if you do a lot of cutting," Owens said.

If you use non-shrink grout, you'll need to add lightweight aggregate in a 1-to-2 ratio to the grout to reduce the weight of the countertop.

Be sure you get someone to help you lift the countertop and secure it to the cabinetry or vanity. If it is in a bathroom, use a silicone sealant.

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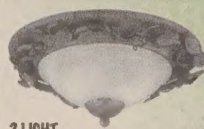


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5 3 DRAWER
#R3018DR-W**

\$189

**36" X 18" 1 DOOR
5 3 DRAWER
#R3618DR-W**

\$239

AVAILABLE IN 21" DEPTH BY SPECIAL ORDER

**JENSON
21" X 21"
SOLID OAK
BAYVIEW
CORNER VANITY**

• Fully assembled
• Light oak furniture
quality finish
• Ideal for 1/2 bath layouts
• Top and faucet extra
• #B2121-L

\$129

**BAYVIEW CORNER
VANITY MARBLE TOP**

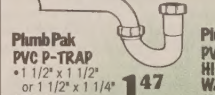
• Solid white • #B2221-L

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**STANLEY
Mirror Door
24" X 36" OVAL DECORATIVE
FRAMELESS MIRROR**

• Mounting hardware
allows mirror to pivot
• 5mm thick glass
• #20-2001

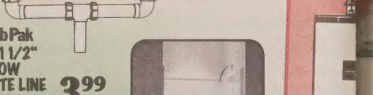
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**Plumb Pak
PVC 1 1/2"
HI-LOW
WASTE LINE**

• 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"
or 1 1/2" x 1 1/4"
• #PP20940

1⁴⁷



**STERLING
BY KOHLER
32" WHITE
SWIRL
GLOSS
REMODEL
SHOWER STALL**

• Textured swirl gloss finish
• Color & strength molded clear through
• #62011100-0 32" PAN
• #62012100-0 32" BACKWALL
• #62015100-0 32" SIDEWALLS

\$238



SELKIRK FLOOR REGISTERS

10" X 4" WHITE #4151005

12" X 4" WHITE #4151205

14" X 4" WHITE #4151405

10" X 2 1/4" BROWN #4151002

12" X 2 1/4" BROWN #4151202

12" X 4" BROWN #4151204

4²⁷ 5⁹⁵ 6⁹⁵ 3⁹⁹ 5²⁹ 5⁹⁹

**REMAINS
ENERGY SAVING
NATURAL
WATER HEAT**

30 GALLON
6 year warranty
#630NORT

\$13⁹⁹

HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL BUYS

MANUFACTURERS COUPON / EXPIRES 10/30/02

Energizer. \$100 OFF!

WHEN YOU BUY ANY ENERGIZER
BATTERIES BLISTER PACK

"AAA" 4-PACK

• #E92BP-4

"AA" 4-PACK

• #E91BP-4

YOUR CHOICE 3³⁶

"C" 2-PACK

• #E93BP-2

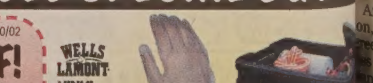
"D" 2-PACK

• #E95BP-2

9 VOLT 1-PACK

• #E92BP-2

YOUR CHOICE 2⁶⁹



**WELLS
LAMONT
VINYL
DISPOSABLE
GLOVES
10 PACK
#90L**

1²⁹

**Webster
ALL PURPOSE
DUSTER**

• Lightweight
60" metal
extension handle
makes cleaning easy
both high
and low
• #164-50152

5⁹⁹

ACTION PACK

• Tough, lockable
• Stackable design

8 GALLON

• #1170-04-38

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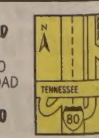
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